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Armed men storm Spanish parliament

MADRID, Feb. 23 (AP) — Paramilitary civil guards opened fire in the Spanish parliament Monday and then surrounded the building, refusing to let national police enter, the news agency Europa Press said.

There was no immediate report of casualties after the civil guards cut all communications with the parliament building. The defense ministry reported all of Spain's military regions normal 35 minutes after the shooting broke out.

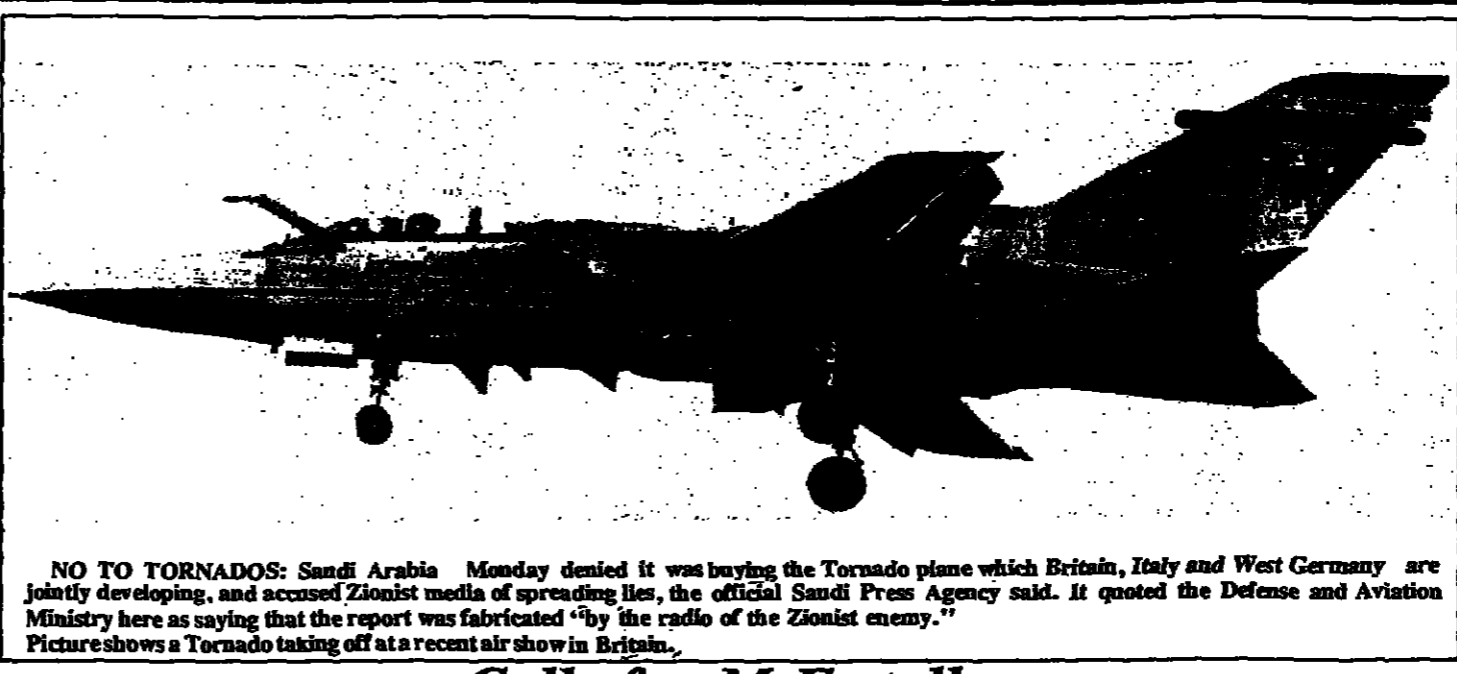
Madrid radio stations continued broadcasting but were cut off from the parliament building.

Also Spanish national radio said a Spanish army officer pulled a pistol in parliament on Monday and began firing, Spanish national radio said. Europa Press said the army officer shouted "everybody down" before he fired. There was no immediate indication of any injuries.

Parliament on Monday was to vote on approval of Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo as premier. Calvo Sotelo has been caretaker premier since Adolfo Suarez resigned. The pre-vote debate was to be televised, but not live.

The shots could clearly be heard on the radio. The broadcast was interrupted and music began. All communications with the parliament building in downtown Madrid were cut. Police were reported seizing film and stopping broadcast, Europa Press said.

The Spanish national radio broadcast quoted shouts of "down on the floor or we kill you" another was: "Don't focus that camera, I will kill you." Radio commentators said a group of uniformed civil guards had burst into the congress, and the lieutenant-colonel had aimed his pistol at the speaker of the lower house, Landelino Lavilla.



NO TO TORNADOS: Saudi Arabia Monday denied it was buying the Tornado plane which Britain, Italy and West Germany are jointly developing, and accused Zionist media of spreading lies, the official Saudi Press Agency said. It quoted the Defense and Aviation Ministry here as saying that the report was fabricated "by the radio of the Zionist enemy." Pictures show a Tornado taking off at a recent air show in Britain.

Swedes noted for aid Arabian-Swedish contacts traced to Vikings time

By Staff Writers

DHAHRAN, Feb. 23 — King Carl XVI spoke of Swedish-Saudi Arabian economic cooperation in a short address to the University of Petroleum and Minerals Dhahran Monday morning.

"It is interesting to see what we can do the monarch said, referring to his visit to the Swedish built Al-Khobar dairy Sunday at Swedish agricultural projects in the Kingdom. ... to make the desert bloom again, make it green ... as Sweden has knowledge the agricultural field.

King Carl's address was preceded by U.P.M. Rector Bakr Abdullah Bakr's observations on the long trade and exploratory contacts between Sweden and Arabia dating back the time of the Vikings.

"Now we are reviving these contacts Bakr said. "We have a lot of Swedish businesses all over Saudi Arabia, most notably the Swedish contribution to our modern telephone system."

Surprised by the turnout of Swedish expatriates from within and outside the university rather than of U.P.M. students, the king emphasized the value of their work to Saudi Arabia and their home country.

After the address in the U.P.M. auditorium King Carl and Queen Silvia toured the campus, central library and other main buildings, and the Data Processing Center and the College of Industrial Management, opened last year.

The royal couple continued their three-day state visit by flying back to Riyadh for a private lunch at the Nassriyah palace where they are staying.

In the afternoon, they met Swedish school children teachers and families in Riyadh before holding a press conference for Swedish and Saudi Arabian journalists.

King Carl, who as a constitutional monarch, focused on his impressions of the visit, his first venture into the Arab world. According to Swedish official sources, King Carl told the newsmen he had been impressed by the Kingdom's evident development over the last five or ten years.

The accompanying Swedish Foreign Minister Ola Ullstom told local newsmen his talk on Sunday with Crown Prince Fahd had left him impressed. They covered the results of the recent Taif summit and Islamic efforts to end the Gulf war and Sweden's possible role.

Arab News has learnt that King Khaled had accepted an invitation to visit Sweden. Swedish sources meanwhile reported that O.P.M. Minister Zaki Yamani had joined Sunday night's traditional, tented desert dinner outside Riyadh on his return from the O.P.E.C. long-term strategy meeting in Geneva. The Swedes warmly welcomed the possible stabilization of the oil market.

Calls for M.E. talks Russia wants summit with U.S.

MOSCOW, Feb. 23 (Agencies) — Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev called on the United States to return to an "active dialogue" with the Soviet Union, implicitly suggested a "top level" meeting and presented proposals for disarmament when he opened the 26th Communist Party Congress here Monday. In his review of the current world problems before the 5,000 delegates and 100 foreign missions gathered here, the 74-year-old Soviet leader denounced at length what he called "nuclear war as conceived by the Americans", a limited theater nuclear war, which he said would "mean the destruction of European civilization ... and a fire from which the United States could not escape." Brezhnev blamed the West for international tension.

The Soviet leader also strongly criticized U.S. policy while adding that Moscow had always followed constructive principles in its dealings with Washington.

After noting that "unfortunately since the change of administration in the White House, overtly bellicose appeals and communiques have come from Washington with the deliberate intention of poisoning" Soviet-American relations, Brezhnev called on the U.S. to take "more realistic positions."

Brezhnev confirmed the Kremlin was "ready for a dialogue" with the United States, a dialogue which he said was "necessary." "Experience has shown that an essential contact is established at summit meetings. That was true yesterday and it is even more so today," he said.

The Soviet Union was ready to battle "hand in hand with the United States, Europe and all other countries" against the danger of war, Brezhnev said, putting forward a number of proposals.

These included a "moratorium on the deployment of medium range missiles in Europe," aimed at "freezing the quantity and capability of medium range arms, including forward based American weapons." The moratorium could "come into force as soon as talks started and continue until a treaty was agreed."

As part of "improving the international situation and avoiding war," Brezhnev proposed a "special session" of heads of governments of the United Nations Security Council members which could eventually be extended to other states.

Brezhnev appeared tired after speaking for more than four hours with two 15 minute breaks, but his speech, which had at times been almost unintelligible at the beginning, was more distinct. No reason was given for the decision to have the speech read for viewers and listeners by a Radio Moscow commentator but one Soviet source said it had been taken in advance, and observers speculated it could have been to avoid showing Brezhnev in difficulties.

Turning to Soviet links with Western Europe, Brezhnev expressed pleasure that "practically uninterrupted" dialogue had continued with France at all levels, particularly with French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing. Relations with West Germany developed "favorably and realistic progress had been made in relations with Italy." "Normal relations" had been resumed with Spain, but with Japan relations were more difficult, he said.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 23 (AP) — The European Economic Community registered its worst level of unemployment in history in January, 8.5 million people, representing 7.5 per cent of the work force, according to EEC statistics released Monday.

There were half a million more people without jobs in January than in December 1980, the highest one-month rise in unemployment since the EEC began keeping statistics in 1958.

The downturn hit all 10 countries in the community except Belgium, whose percentage remained the same dismal 10.6 per cent, the second worst level in the EEC. Ireland had 11 per cent of its work force on the unemployment rolls, up from 10.8 per cent in December.

Other countries levels in relation to December were: West Germany from 4.3 to 5.1 per cent, France, from 7.3 to 7.5 per cent, Italy from 8.4 to 8.6 per cent, the Netherlands from 6.3 to 6.7 per cent, Luxembourg from 0.9 to one per cent, Britain from 8.6 to 9.3 per cent, Denmark from 8.5 to 9.5 per cent and Greece from 1.8 to 2.1 per cent.

Over the 12 months since January 1980, unemployment in the EEC rose by 1.8 million persons, up from 5.9 per cent of the work force.

"Almost one half of the additional unemployed were registered in the United Kingdom, where unemployment went from 1.5 million in January 1980 to 2.4 million in January 1981," the EEC report said.

Several diplomats suspected the attempt might be premature, particularly in view of the apparent failure by the U.N. special mediator Olof Palme of Sweden to find peace during his third Gulf trip this week.

The committee assembles in Jeddah Friday to leave for Tehran on Saturday and onto Baghdad on Sunday. It will return to Riyadh Monday for final consultations.

In Tehran, it is expected to meet President Abulhasan Bani-Sadr, though it will be left to Iranians to decide if it should meet other politicians. In Baghdad it will meet President Saddam Hussein and other officials.

The committee includes President Zia ul Huq of Pakistan; President Zia Ur Rahman of Bangladesh; President Sekou Toure of Guinea; the President of Gambia, Prime Minister Bulent Ulusu of Turkey; and an as yet undecided Senegalese representative.

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Israelis raid S. Lebanon, six killed

BEIRUT, Feb. 23 (Agencies) — Helicopter-borne Israeli commandos raided a Palestinian position in southern Lebanon and the Palestine Liberation Organization said Monday six commandos killed and one wounded. The PLO also claimed responsibility in a statement issued in Damascus for an explosion in a grocery store in downtown Jafa, southern Tel Aviv, Monday, saying the bomb was planted by Israeli-based Palestinian commandos. Police in Tel Aviv said the blast caused no casualties.

A communique from the PLO military command in Beirut said two Lebanese villagers also were killed as about 200 Israeli commandos staged the cross-border mid-night raid on Kfour, a southern Lebanese village eight miles (13 km) north of the Israeli border.

The communique claimed 16 Israeli casualties in an hour of combat at a hilltop position and in the woods near Kfour and the adjacent Zefna hamlet before the raiders took off by helicopter. Three houses in Kfour were blown up by the raiders, it added.

Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Zippori said Israel would continue its policy of deterrent strikes on Palestinian camps in Lebanon. "We'll hit them without waiting for them to attack us," he told Israeli radio.

In new bid for peace Committee to leave for Baghdad, Tehran

By Nigel Harvey

JEDDAH, Feb. 23 — The six-nation Islamic goodwill committee launched by last month's Taif summit leaves Jeddah Saturday on its first bid to bring peace between Iraq and Iran. Muslim diplomats said Monday.

The top-level committee representing the 38 Islamic nation's will include at least four presidents, one prime minister and Yasser Arafat chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization as well as officials from the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC).

The diplomats said the mission would put "tremendous pressure" on the combatants, although no concrete results are expected from this first trip. The committee will carry no proposals, rather just listening to both sides.

"Whichever of the two gets the aura of not having made a move with the goodwill mission will have lost a lot of face, one diplomat said. "Both of them know this," he added.

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Iran to release all but one Briton

TEHRAN, Feb. 23 (R) — Iran said Monday three British missionaries arrested last August had been cleared of suspicion of espionage and would leave for home soon, but a fourth captive Briton, businessman Andrew Pyke, would remain in prison.

Prosecutor-general Ali Qodussi told a press conference for the local media that the three — Anglican missionary doctors John and Andrew Coleman and Scottish Anglican Jean Waddell — would be freed soon, but gave no firm date.

The official Pars news agency quoted Qodussi as saying the case of Pyke, an executive of a Dutch-Iranian firm called Helicopter Aviation Services, had nothing to do with that of the Anglicans.

Pars quoted the prosecutor-general as saying Pyke was facing charges of espionage and embezzlement. He was arrested at Tehran airport on August 29 as he was about to leave Iran.

Representatives of foreign media were barred from the press conference, but local reporters quoted Qodussi as saying the Anglican Church in Iran would be closed.

SAS, Saudia sign pact

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 23 (AP) — SAS Catering, a subsidiary of Scandinavian Airlines, has initiated a five-year contract with Saudia Airlines to set up an air catering service at Jeddah's new international airport, the company said Monday.

A spokesman for Copenhagen-based SAS Catering said the new company will be named Saudia Catering and will provide food services for all airlines flying out of the new Jeddah international airport.

According to the contract, a SAS Catering management team will supervise the organization and running-in of the new company for the first five years.

The new air kitchen service is budgeted for an annual turnover of about \$31 million during the period. SAS Catering will receive an undisclosed management fee, and a percentage of Saudia Catering's net earnings.

The air kitchen will employ 600 people, mostly recruited from Saudi Arabia, but the SAS Catering spokesman said the new company will expand as soon as possible to service all of the country's airports.

Japan cuts oil imports

TOKYO, Feb. 23 (R) — Japan's crude oil imports fell by 9.4 per cent in January from the month before and are now down by 7.4 per cent compared with a year ago, the Japanese International Trade and Industry Ministry said Monday.

At the end of last month, Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki said his government would carry out a program aimed at making Japan less dependent on imported oil.

Japan accounts for around one-tenth of non-communist consumption and last year it used about 5.2 million barrels of oil a day, down from 5.4 million in 1979. It is particularly vulnerable to oil price rises because it has to import practically all its energy needs.

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U.S. bank cuts prime rate to 19%

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (AP) — Chase Manhattan Bank, America's third-largest commercial bank, Monday cut its prime lending rate to 19 per cent from 19.5 per cent, but failed to match the 18.5 per cent prime rate set by No. 5 Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Co.

Most of the large banks in the United States kept their prime rates at 19.5 per cent. Continental Illinois, based in Chicago, undercut the rest of the banking industry Friday evening, announcing it was reducing its prime rate a full percentage point to 18.5 per cent, effective Monday. Among other banks at 19 per cent are No. 5 Morgan Guaranty Trust Co., which led the move on Feb. 9, and the First National Bank of Chicago.

Continental Illinois' move came after the Federal Reserve Board released its weekly data on the nation's money supply, which showed commercial and industrial loans at the nation's banks fell \$1.188 billion in the week ended Feb. 11.

Roger Anderson, chairman of Continental Illinois, noted the continued weakness in bank loan demand in announcing the cut in the bank's prime rate.

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Castigates pro-Zionist senators

Fahd displeased at F-15 action

RIYADH, Feb. 23 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd expressed displeasure at a move by eight U.S. senators who protested the possible sale of advanced F-15 accessories to Saudi Arabia.

As a result of such biased attitudes, Saudi Arabia would not hesitate to buy advanced weapons from any other country, including the Soviet Union if necessary, the crown prince added. "If America and other Western



Crown Prince Fahd

countries slam the door in our face, why not buy from the U.S.S.R.," he said.

Speaking to Swedish journalists accompanying King Carl Gustav, Sunday, Prince Fahd said any initiative by Sweden to sell weapons to Saudi Arabia would be welcome. Advanced weapons acquired by the Kingdom serve as a deterrent against aggression, and diversifies its armament sources, he added. Saudi Arabia is not bound to buy exclusively from any specific supplier, he said.

Prince Fahd expressed his regret for the move by the senators from the Foreign Relations Committee. He said that the senators who led the campaign on the grounds that the warplanes would constitute a menace to Israel had better leave the issue to the U.S. government to decide. "All we ask from President Reagan, or any European leader, is to be fair and just. Our right is obvious and Israel is behaving the wrong way. If we ask for pressure, this would mean we are not right in our demands," he said.

"The Palestinian people have a right to return to their homeland, determine their own future and set up an independent state in their land. At the same time, a plethora of resolutions have urged Israel to pull out from territories it occupied in 1967, so why doesn't it withdraw?" Prince Fahd added.

During the press conference, the prince did not rule out the possibility of using oil as a weapon to restore Palestinian rights. "When man is desperate, he might use any weapon

within reach — even when such a weapon is oil, which is so vital for the entire world," he added. Prince Fahd said the situation is too premature to predict anything, but hoped that Reagan and his administration will not submit to a group of Congressmen wishing to support Israel without any valid justification and maintaining a bias against Saudi Arabia.

Although the prince said he was optimistic about the Reagan administration's final decision, he would not say whether Saudi Arabia would accept the warplanes without spare parts. "Here again, we must not put the cart before the horse." He also denied rumors that 20,000 Pakistani soldiers joined the Saudi Arabian army. He described any such reports as "sheer fabrication and calumny." He also rejected any comparison between pre-revolutionary Iran and Saudi Arabia since there is no barrier in the Kingdom between the rulers and the ruled.

Discussing Saudi Arabia's present 10 million barrels per day production of oil, Prince Fahd said future production will depend on world market demand. He said that wishes to conserve its oil, but that the shortfall from Iraq and Iran supplies to the world prompted the production increase. The Kingdom favors a moderate oil pricing policy, but any final decision on policy rests with OPEC as a whole, he added. The prince emphasized that Saudi Arabia will continue to help maintain world economic stability, but within the limits of its potential.

Prince Fahd brushed away the idea that overproduction of oil by Saudi Arabia would result in superfluous money. "The Kingdom is so vast it will take you two-and-one-half hours in a Boeing 707 to fly from north to south, and all of the country needs to be developed and linked together. So there is no such thing as money above the country's needs. There are more than 100 Swedish firms operating in Saudi Arabia and they all can bear witness to what is happening in all these vast expanses of land," he added.

He said exorbitant arms prices would be the reason that Saudi Arabia's defense budget was the highest in the world in relation to population size. But such costs will not deter the government from fulfilling its development obligations. Saudi Arabia wishes to have a strong army capable of defending the homeland, but it won't be at the expense of other plans, he added.

Jeddah cement plant to be moved

By a Staff Writer

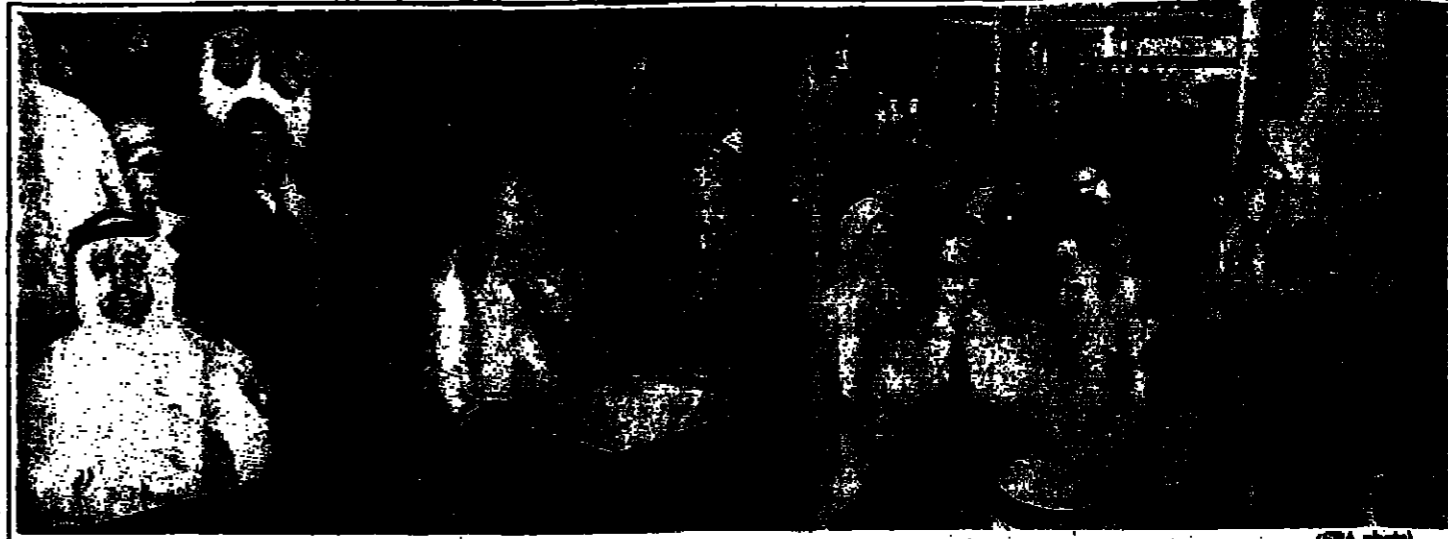
JEDDAH, Feb. 23 — The cement plant north of Jeddah will be shifted to another location far from the inhabited area, according to royal orders issued to the ministry of industry, *Al Medina* newspaper said Monday.

The orders said the plant must be moved in two years, but in the meantime it should be fitted with pollution control devices to pre-

vent smoke and dust from injuring public health.

The new location must be far enough away from habitation that it will constitute no health hazard to the people, the order said.

Until this is done, no more construction should be carried out and the health of the workers and personnel serving in it must also be protected, the orders added.



ROYAL VISIT: Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer (far left) during a tour he gave Swedish King Gustav and Queen Sylvia at the planning ministry. At right, the Swedish rulers tour the King Faisal Specialist Hospital in Riyadh.

New rules issued for part-time students

KAU to use closed circuit teaching system

RIYADH, Feb. 23 (SPA) — Jeddah's King Abdul Aziz University decided to replace the ordinary teaching methods by a closed circuit instructions system, officials reported Monday.

The university's Higher Board undertook the decision in a meeting under Sheikh Hassan Abdullah Al-Sheikh, minister of higher education and chancellor of Saudi Arabian universities, Sunday night. The board also approved new rules for part-time students.

The meeting, held at the minister's office here, was attended by Civil Service Bureau chairman Sheikh Turki Al-Sudairi; King Abdul Aziz University rector, Dr. Abdullah Nassif; and deans of faculties. The board agreed to the new regulations of the Arabic Language Institute of Mecca. The institute was made an independent body by a royal decree several months ago. It was a division of King Abdul Aziz University's Faculty of Sharia before the royal decision.

Dr. Nassif said after the meeting that the new rule for part-time students includes compulsory attendance of training sessions on their specialization. The university also will supply the students with educational materials in the form of recorded cassettes to compensate them for the lack of direct contacts with instructors and lecturers.

The part-time students will be provided with special studies that comply with the nature of their work, the rector said. He added that the board also agreed to open a higher studies program in physics for the Faculty of Sciences. Another higher studies program also will be introduced in the College of Education in Medina, which is related to KAU.

The board decided to change the name of the Meteorology and Arid Lands Institute to College of Meteorology and Environmental Studies. The Marine Studies Institute name also was replaced by the Marine Studies College.

Gulf ministers fix crab fishing rules

ABU DHABI, Feb. 23 (SPA) — Gulf states agricultural ministers recommended during their final meeting here that various actions should be taken to promote conservation of crabs in regional waters.

Among the considerations are fishing restriction during spawning season and a ban on marketing crabs caught illegally.

During the conclusion of the ministers' sixth conference here, the officials fixed the spawning period to be between February and June, but left individual states to decide the guidelines for marginal periods of "risky fishing." They also formulated rules and regulations considered necessary to protect and develop marine resources.

The ministers recommended contacting the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization to complete research and report on crab resources within the Gulf area, and submit ideas about developing marine resources.

One resolution called on member states with a fishing surplus to exchange or sell the additional catch to other members. The resolution advised member states to take advantage of the Kuwait training center for fishing methods and note results of its research on lobster fishing and its development in the area.

A committee comprising technical experts from Oman, North Yemen and South Yemen will be formed to contact the FAO to prepare a report on the feasibility of a project using fish resources common to the countries. Another ministerial committee will study the report and recommend follow-up actions.

British to attend electric exhibition

JEDDAH, Feb. 23 (LPS) — About 80 British companies in the electrical and electronics industries will be visiting Jeddah to take part in the Middle East Electricity Exhibition from Feb. 28 to March 5 in a joint venture group organized by the British Electrical and Allied Manufacturers Association (BEAMA) in co-operation with the British Overseas Trade Board.

BEAMA is a federation of 16 trade associations serving the electrical, electronic and allied industries, which, in turn, represent more than 550 manufacturers. The British companies appearing in Jeddah will occupy 1299 square meters of stand space and will be promoting a wide variety of equipment including cables for ground and overhead transmission and generating sets.

Tree week dedicated

MECCA, Feb. 23 — A tree planting week was dedicated here by Mayor Abdul Qader Koshak Sunday. Other officials from the ministries of agriculture and water, the interior, information, municipal and rural affairs, education, youth welfare and the National Guard also attended to lend a hand.

Koshak said the objective is to expand the green area in the Holy City, enhance the beauty of the landscape and improve the weather. This is in line with other tree weeks in the country in which 65,000 nursery plants have been used.

The board approved a series of promotions for the university staff, in addition to some administrative, financial and educational decisions, Dr. Abdullah Nassif said.

In a separate development, Prof. Charles Young, president of the University of

California, at Los Angeles, arrived here Sunday night on a week-long visit. Invited by Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer, Prof. Young will inspect the Kingdom's development achievements and hold talks with officials of Saudi Arabian universities.

COMMENT

By Muhammad Abdul Rahman
Al Yam

Industry plays a significant role in building a strong base for comprehensive development throughout the country. Since progress and development in any country depends on industrial advancement, the factory worker becomes the spirit of industry and creates a strong link between his work and the development of industry. While this link is easily created in the industrially-advanced countries, the same becomes difficult in emerging and poorer countries which normally depend on their executives, officials and foreign expertise for the industry's development.

Saudi Arabia, being the most industrially developed country among the emerging nations, has a pressing need for trained manpower. Since we have a lack of native manpower, the Kingdom has to meet its requirements through expatriate workers. We find many, if not all, modern industries being run by foreigners who have been brought in for this purpose.

But, if you look toward the future, the presence of such a situation seems to be impossible. Therefore, this is an opportune time to fill the gap by creating schools and industrial institutes to produce technical skills in conformity with the present industrial boom. It would be more desirable to benefit from the existing technical and vocational centers and to introduce specialized subjects at such institutes. However, it does not make much sense to say that the job of a plumber, an airconditioning mechanic, an ironsmith and a carpenter is more important than industrial specializations which enable the worker and the industry to make comprehensive development a tangible reality.

People being trained at technical and vocational centers do not benefit much from the present training programs for various reasons. Since neither the state nor the trainee benefits much from these centers, a real interest in industrial training would provide opportunity for running national industries with the help of trained native hands. Such a situation eventually would assist the course of industrial development and put it on the road to further progress.

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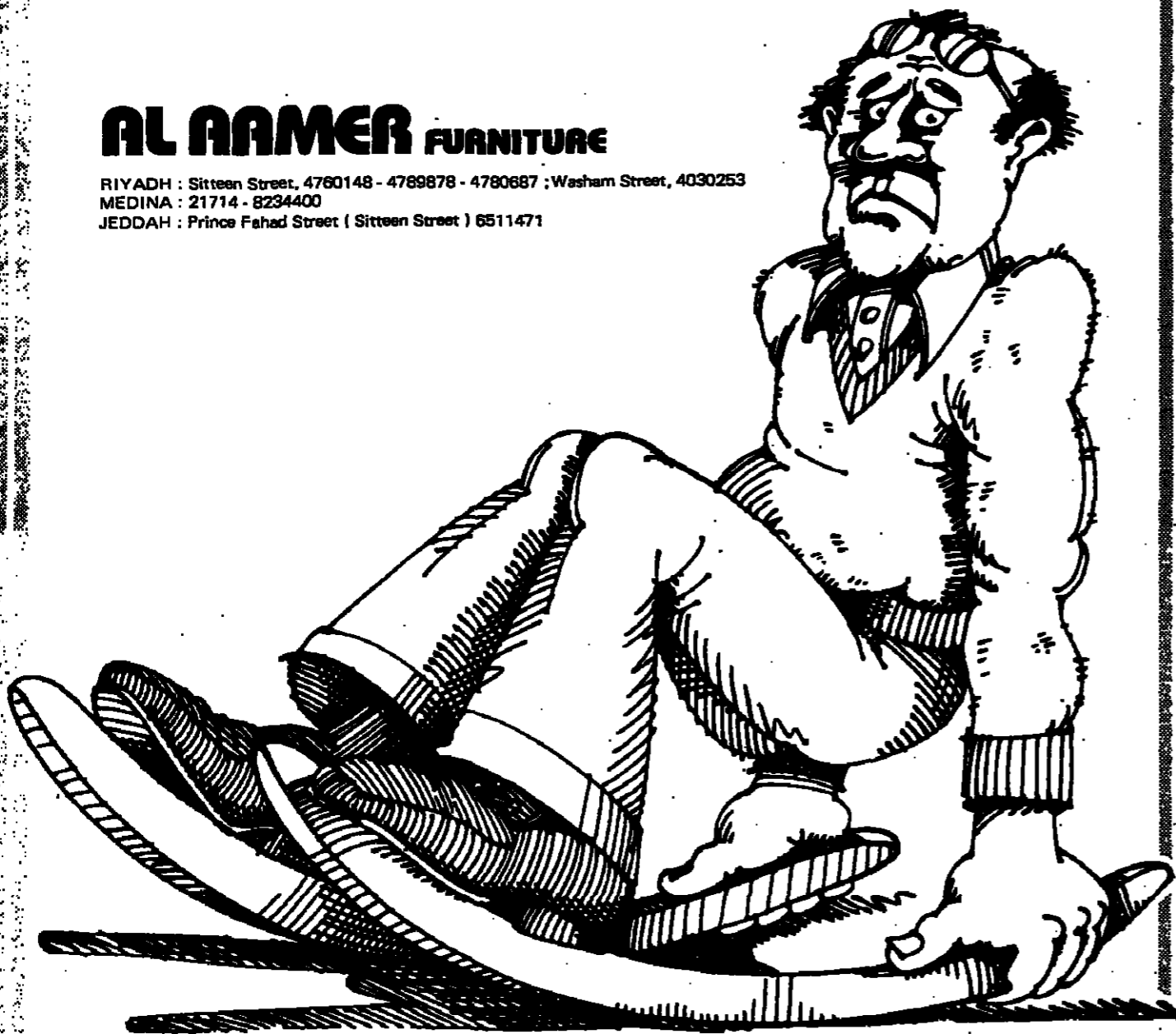
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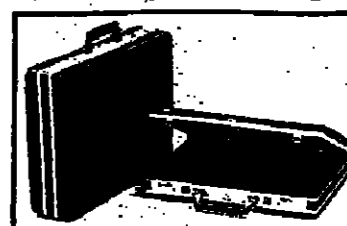
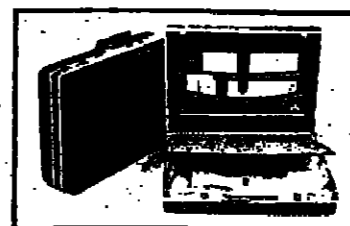
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Finance minister says

Loans boost industrial growth

By a Staff Writer
RIYADH, Feb. 23 — The Industrial Development Fund has provided 687 loans in a total value of SR7.8 billion to finance industrial projects, according to Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail, minister of finance and national economy.

Speaking on the occasion of National Industries Week Monday, Aba Al-Khail commended the role of the IDF in the promotion of national industrial efforts. He also lauded the efforts of the Ministry of Industry and Electricity for its pioneering work in the Kingdom's industrial development.

The finance minister expressed the hope the IDF will carry out a role in cooperation with other agencies to encourage the private sector to enhance investment in the industrial sector. The IDF also gave a loan of SR26 billion to the National Electricity Company and SR200 million to cold storage facilities, he said.

He added that a significant achievement of the Fund was the preparation of a highly-trained national workforce to make a financial assessment of industrial projects and to give loans and offer advice.

Aba Al-Khail, said that at present the IDF has 36 young Saudi Arabian men, 25 of whom have completed higher studies in banking management. They are working with great enthusiasm and a sense of responsibility.



ARCH: Archways such as this one framing Jeddah's water tower have been erected throughout the city to proclaim National Industry Week.

In related developments, new industrial estate was dedicated in Qassim by Governor...

Prince Abdul Ilah, Industry Minister Dr. Ghazi Alghosabi said the government believed in the "inevitability" of diversified sources of income in order to fulfill the country's basic development plans.

The dedication was made Sunday to highlight the countrywide celebrations of the National Industries Week.

Alghosabi said the government intends to provide all factors that will contribute towards a prosperous society and the country's entry into the age of advanced technology. "With this in mind," he said, "the government has spent a lot of money and effort more than might have been done in any other country."

"We do not like to boast of our achievements," he said. "But it is interesting to review what has been done so that we may realize that we are on the right track and gain confidence in our future."

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Kazuo Iwama

Sony official arrives

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 23 — The president of the Sony Corporation of Japan, Kazuo Iwama, arrived in the Kingdom at the start of a three-day visit.

Iwama, a leading name in business circles in Japan, is accompanied by a high-powered delegation which includes Hajime Unoki, managing director for international operations, and Shoichi Toda, Middle East manager. During his visit, Iwama will meet with leading businessmen, and will study first hand the Sony operations in the Kingdom.

Gulf cultural week to open

PARIS, Feb. 23 (SPA) — The President of Youth Welfare Prince Faisal bin Fahd will open the Gulf Cultural Week here on behalf of his counterparts in other Gulf states. Seven states, including the Kingdom, will be represented. A festival of arts, folklore and plastic arts will highlight the cultural heritage of the region and acquaint visitors with the people and their talents.

The Kingdom's delegation will be led by Abdul Rahman Al Otaiq, director of cultural affairs at Youth Welfare. He will take with him a number of paintings and books about the country's development throughout last few years, in addition to photocopies of manuscripts and relics depicting ancient occupations. Films showing the pilgrimage and economic progress will be screened during the week.

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PLO resolutions noted

RIYADH, Feb. 23 (SPA) — The PLO representative to the Kingdom, Rafiq Al-Natsha, said Monday that the organization had come out of the Third Islamic Summit conference last month with the resolutions it had hoped for. The resolutions were unanimously approved by the participants and the PLO will implement the resolutions of the Mecca Summit.

Justice ministers meet

SANAA, Feb. 23 (SPA) — North Yemen President Ali Abdullah Saleh opened the second Arab Justice Ministers' Conference here Monday. The president delivered the opening speech in which he welcomed the participants and stressed the Arab World's need for unity, solidarity and joint efforts. An evening session was to be held to elect a president and vice-president. The Kingdom is represented by Justice Minister Sheikh Muhammad Al-Sheikh.

Transport license enforced

RIYADH, Feb. 23 (SPA) — The Communications Ministry called on individuals and companies involved in land transportation of passengers or goods to call on the ministry to obtain licenses. The ministry said in a statement Monday that it would detain anyone who transports goods without obtaining a license. The move is part of the ministry's measures to enforce license rules.

Islamic Development Fund

JEDDAH, Feb. 23 (SPA) — The Permanent Council of the Islamic Development Fund will hold its eighth session here April 6. The council will discuss Islamic universities projects in Niger and Uganda, and transforming the Ahmad Baba Center into a regional institute. The meeting, to be attended by OIC Secretary General Habib Chant, also will discuss reports by sub-committees.

Education meeting set

RIYADH, Feb. 23 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd, chancellor of Medina Islamic university, deputized Sheikh Hassan ibn Abdullah Al-Sheikh, minister of higher education and chancellor of universities, to open the 11th session of the university's Higher Board. The meeting opens in Medina, March 22, to discuss improving the university.

Tunisian labor official arrives

RIYADH, Feb. 23 (SPA) — Tunisian Labor Minister Muhammad Al-Nasser arrived here Monday on a three-day official visit for talks with Saudi Arabian officials. He was received by Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Anqari, minister of labor and social affairs, and senior officials of the ministry. The Tunisian official will discuss promoting cooperation between his country and the Kingdom with Sheikh Anqari.

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Klaauw in Damascus

Syria tells Europe to shun Camp David

DAMASCUS, Feb. 23 (Agencies) — Syria has said any European Common Market initiative for peace in the Middle East would fail if it was associated with the U.S.-sponsored Camp David accords between Egypt and Israel. The comment appeared Sunday in the Syrian government newspaper *Tishrin* as Dutch Foreign Minister Christopher Van Der Klaauw exchanged views with Syrian leaders on how to break a deadlock in peace efforts.

Klaauw arrived in Damascus Saturday on the first leg of a mission he is undertaking as president of the European Economic Community (EEC) council of ministers.

An official source said he had already talked with Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam. *Tishrin* made it clear that Syria believed the European initiative should be independent of U.S. policy, which it said had paralyzed efforts for a comprehensive Arab-Israeli settlement.

Arab diplomatic sources said the editorial

reflected the view held by most Arab states, which regard the Camp David process as dead and consider a new approach is required. *Tishrin* said the Arabs wanted a durable peace based on Israeli withdrawal from occupied territories and recognition of Palestinian rights to an independent state.

Klaauw has a mandate to visit a dozen Middle East countries. But Dutch officials have said he would complete only half his mission before reporting to an EEC summit in the Netherlands March 23 and 24.

Meanwhile, the Syrian foreign minister left for Tripoli and Algiers Monday to deliver messages from President Hafez Assad to Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi and Algerian President Chadli Benjedid, it was officially announced here.

Khaddam's mission comes barely 24 hours after President Ali Nasser Muhammad of South Yemen had completed his two-day visit here during which he had intensive talks with Assad.

During hostage crisis

Iran sought help from U.S.

HOUSTON, Feb. 23 (AP) — The Iranian government asked oil well firefighter Red Adair and his chief competitor to help rebuild battle-scarred oil fields while the U.S. hostages were being held last fall, according to the *Dallas Morning News*.

Iran sent telex messages to Adair and to Boots and Coats, another Houston-based well-firefighting team, asking for help with oil fields damaged by Iraq, the paper said Sunday.

The two companies passed the messages to Washington and the administration of then U.S. President Jimmy Carter "told us to sit back and see which way the wind blows," Adair told the paper.

Carter had banned shipments of oilfield equipment and technology to Iran, hoping

the sanctions would speed release of the hostages.

Adair's company had finished a firefighting job in Iranian oilfields shortly before the hostage seizure and embassy takeover in November 1979. After the hostages were taken, Carter imposed an embargo on trade with Iran or travel to Iran. In response to the messages from the National Iranian Oil Co. in Tehran, the administration told the Iranians they could deal with the firefighters after the hostages were freed, the news said.

The newspaper quoted oil industry sources in London as saying the Iranian Oil Company is eager to repair oilfield equipment damaged in the war, but the administration of President Ronald Reagan has yet to say whether high-level help should be given Iran.

Libya denies Italian charge

ROME, Feb. 23 (R) — The head of Libya's diplomatic mission in Rome has denied that Italian guerrillas have been trained in military camps in Libya and warned of sanctions if such allegations were repeated. "Libya has nothing to do with terrorism," Ammar Taggazi, head of the Libyan People's Office (former embassy), told the daily *Corriere Della Sera*.

Taggazi said allegations that Libya backed terrorists in Italy and elsewhere were a "monstrous campaign" to discredit the Libyan revolution. He said military training

camps in Libya were set up solely to teach the population how to defend itself.

There have been frequent press reports in Italy that a number of right- and left-wing urban guerrillas, including members of the Red Brigades, received military training in Libya. Taggazi invited Italy to send a delegation to Libya to see for itself that these reports were lies. But he added that Italian-Libyan relations, especially in the economic field, could suffer if such allegations were repeated. Italy imports 15 per cent of its oil from Libya.



Christopher Van Der Klaauw

Haig plans to visit Mideast soon

TEL AVIV, Feb. 23 (Agencies) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig has said he will travel to the Middle East "sooner rather than later," but said the Reagan administration has given priority to other issues. In an interview with Israel television's Washington correspondent, he said Sunday President Reagan had put first priority on his economic policy. "Without that, United States foreign policy will be severely damaged," he said.

Asked if that meant the Middle East had become less important to the administration, Haig said the Middle East "remains in the focus, it has been from the first day."

Haig said he will visit the Middle East soon. Asked to be specific, he answered, "I haven't established a time frame yet, but I anticipate it will be sooner rather than later." Haig said he expected "a very intense effort to consult with the parties involved" to revive talks aimed at granting self-rule to Palestinian Arabs in Israeli-occupied territory.

CAIRO, (R) — Cairo airport was closed Monday because of sandstorms and all incoming planes were asked either to land at Luxor, south of Cairo, or fly on to Cyprus, airport officials said.

KARACHI, (AP) — Miss Benazir Bhutto, daughter of the late Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, Sunday was ordered "not to enter, reside, or remain" in the North-West Frontier Province for three months for allegedly engaging in political activities.

TEL AVIV, (AP) — Israel's supreme court rejected an appeal Monday by Religi-

Sudan denies army accord with Libya

KHARTOUM, Feb. 23 (AFP) — Sudan has not agreed to let Libya equip and reorganize its army, a Sudanese official said here Monday. The denial, the second in four days, came after the Libyan Jana news agency restated an earlier report that the two states had agreed on the move.

The Sudanese Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Muhammad Mirghani, Friday denied a Jana report that "a cordial oral message" relaying the Libyan proposal had been given to the Sudanese ambassador in Tripoli last week. Jana, in a report monitored in Paris Sunday repeated the report and said that the agreement had been concluded through the Sudanese ambassador in Tripoli.

Sudan was one of the countries that protested most strongly against the Libyan troops presence in Chad, which borders Sudan.

Meanwhile, Libya's Justice Minister Muhammad Ben-Kassem Ziai said in Damascus Sunday that Libya is prepared to sign a treaty of friendship and cooperation with Moscow similar to the Syrian-Soviet accord if the treaty guaranteed Libya's independence and sovereignty.

Sudan tells PLO to change envoy

KHARTOUM, Feb. 23 (R) — Sudan has asked the Palestine Liberation Organization to replace its representative in Khartoum. Sudan had ordered Sunday the PLO representative Khalid Abdullah Ramadan also known as Abu Haitham to leave the country with three of his aides in 48 hours. Haitham was accused of hostility against the Sudan government.

The Sudan news agency reported that Sudan had sent a message to the PLO headquarters in Beirut explaining why the four were being expelled.

BRIEFS

ous Affairs Minister Aharon Abu-Hateira to block the pressing of new criminal charges against him.

CAIRO, (AP) — President Anwar Sadat Sunday signed into law a parliament bill ratifying Egypt's joining an international nuclear treaty on non-proliferation, the Middle East News Agency said.

KARACHI, (AFP) — The man who died in an explosion at Karachi stadium minutes before the arrival of Pope John Paul II there last Monday has been identified by police as a former policeman named Lala Aslam Pathan, sources said here Monday.

Soviet Afro-Asian group reviews M.E. with Hussein

AMMAN, Feb. 23 (AP) — A delegation of the Soviet Afro-Asian Peace and Solidarity Committee has met with Jordan's King Hussein and pledged support for the Palestine Liberation Organization, official sources here said.

The sources said Sunday the delegation, headed by Vladimir Kordiatseff, a member of the Soviet supreme council, discussed current Middle East issues with the Jordanian monarch. Kordiatseff later said the Soviet and Jordanian views on the Middle East crisis were "similar" adding the Soviet Union sup-

ported the PLO as the sole representative of the Palestinian people.

He also condemned the U.S.-sponsored Camp David peace treaty between Israel and Egypt which, he said, was directed "against the Arab people and their national independence."

Kordiatseff added the Soviet stand included total Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab lands allowing the Palestinians to establish "their independent state on their national soil."

Somali minister visiting Ethiopia

NAIROBI, Feb. 23 (AFP) — Muhammad Said Samantar, Somali minister in the president's office for political affairs, left here Monday at the head of an upgraded Somali delegation to the Organization of African Unity (OAU) summit which opened in Addis Ababa Monday.

Samantar, who stopped here briefly will be the first Somali minister to visit the Ethiopian capital since the end of the 1977-78 Ogaden war between the two Horn of Africa neighbors. Samantar, speaking to journalists here,

stressed the importance of the visit but said that any Ethio-Somali talks on the sidelines of the foreign ministers conference would depend on the Ethiopian attitude.

The decision to send Samantar to the conference in place of the foreign ministry Africa bureau director was taken at the last minute. Somalia sent a low-level delegation to the conference last year. Samantar himself Monday implied that the decision to send him was in part due to the efforts of Western powers anxious to see a settlement to the Ogaden conflict.

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Soviets in Mozambique

Tougher conflicts expected in Africa

SALISBURY, Feb. 23 (Agencies) — The Soviet Union's diplomatic breakthrough in Zimbabwe and its increased naval presence in Mozambique have prompted fears of a tougher confrontation between black and white Africa.

Some Western diplomats Monday interpreted Soviet moves as evidence of a Kremlin plan to establish a "red belt" across the continent from the Atlantic to the Indian Ocean, bringing the superpowers closer to the conflict in southern Africa.

Thailand reopens border with Laos

BANGKOK, Feb. 23 (AFP) — Thailand Monday announced it had reopened its border with Communist-ruled Laos, closed for two weeks since armed clashes between the two countries.

"We considered that the border should be normalized as soon as the situation permitted," the spokesman said. He said no formal negotiations had been held.

The border closing was the second in seven months to hit landlocked Laos, a staunch ally of Vietnam increasingly critical of Thai foreign policy.

Meanwhile, Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo arrived here Monday for a two-day official visit which will include discussions with Thai leaders on the problem of Kampuchean refugees in Thailand.

Colombo is scheduled to hold talks with his Thai counterpart Siddhi Savetsila on the southeast Asian situation as viewed by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), of which Thailand is a member.

Mozambique capital of Maputo in search of exiled dissidents of the African National Congress (ANC).

Meanwhile, South Africa is backing anti-government guerrilla groups in the former Portuguese colonies of Mozambique and Angola, diplomatic sources said.

Black Africa has often involved the Soviet Union and its allies in its response to South Africa's resistance to black rule at home and its grip on Namibia in defiance of the United Nations.

The 16,000-ton cruiser *Alexander Suvorov* and another Soviet ship from the Indian Ocean fleet docked last week in the ports of Beira and Maputo.

South African commandos made a lightning, pre-dawn raid Jan. 30 on three houses in a Maputo suburb.

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PROTESTERS: Five of 11 "Guardian Angels," who were arrested by transit police recently, join a march, symbolically tied together, through Manhattan and Brooklyn to protest what they claim is police harassment of their peace-keeping activities.

W. German terrorist reveals plan to capture U.S. officials

HAMBURG, West Germany, Feb. 23 (AP) — Members of the Baader-Meinhof gang planned to take top U.S. military officials hostage at an annual dance in Heidelberg Castle and to blow up the castle as a grand finale to a decade of terrorism.

Peter-Juergen Boock, a member of the gang captured in January, revealed the plans in a prison interview, according to this week's edition of the magazine *Boock*, 29, said members of the gang still at large had been considering the "finale action" for several years.

"The commander of the U.S. army was present at the ball and almost the whole staff," Boock was quoted as saying. "Both members of the group sat almost right across from them."

Boock was quoted as saying several members of the group, also known as the Red Army Faction (RAF) planned to make demands of the West German government after taking the hostages, then kill them one by one if the demands were not met.

Some of the terrorists, distraught that they had been isolated from society and other militant groups, considered making the attack a suicide raid, Boock was quoted as saying.

BRIEFS

ROME, (R) — A home-made bomb exploded outside the apartment of one of Italy's most prominent neo-Fascists Sunday and a previously unknown leftist group later claimed responsibility for the action.

LONDON, (AP) — Two men died Sunday after snow blanketed most of Britain in freezing conditions. Police rescued 26 persons from four snowbound cars in the peak district's Goyt valley.

BELFAST, (AP) — Gunmen Sunday shot and killed a man accused by the military wing of the outlawed Irish Republican Army of being an informant for the British army and local police.

BOGOTA, Colombia, (AP) — An inter-city bus plunged, apparently after a mechanical failure, over a cliff Sunday about 48 kms south of Bogota, and 17 persons were killed, the national police said.

JOHANNESBURG, (R) — South African newspapers Sunday labelled the reported birth of sextuplets to a young Cape Town woman as a hoax.

Portugal premier gets party, coalition support

LISBON, Feb. 23 (Agencies) — Portugal's largest party, the Social Democrats, Sunday ended its sixth national congress with a compromise that will give party leader and Prime Minister Francisco Pinto Balsemao a clear mandate in the party and in his coalition cabinet.



Balsemao, chosen to succeed the late Francisco Sa Carneiro for both posts last December, scored his major victory over more conservative elements in voting for the party's national council during the closing session of the congress.

Candidates proposed by the moderate 43-year-old lawyer-journalist outpolled contenders put up by the party's more conservative wing two-to-one, to take 20 of 30 elective seats on the council, out of 733 delegate votes cast, the prime minister's nominees took 480, while the conservatives secured only 248.

Three other party organs, the political commission, congress committee and judiciary council, saw the election of unopposed tickets. Pinto Balsemao led those voted in for the political commission.

Earlier compromise came in a marathon 14-hour session Friday and Saturday with leading figures from all the party's factions reaching agreement on a single set of tactical priorities to guide the group until its next congress. Thirteen different programs had been proposed.

Further signs the soft-spoken prime minister had gained party support included a standing ovation from congress delegates for his opening speech. The Congress victories appeared to throw off doubts circulating in party circles since the death of Sa Carneiro in a plane crash Dec. 4 that Pinto Balsemao

Portuguese Premier Francisco Pinto Balsemao could match his predecessor's political following — and might endanger the group's coalition cabinet with two rightist parties.

Pinto Balsemao offered to meet his opponents halfway, agreeing in his address that the party and government should work to limit presidential powers, while cautioning too strident a course would prove self-defeating for the Social Democrats.

The governing democratic alliance is composed of the Christian Democrats and the tiny monarchist party, along with the Social Democrats. Although the alliance has a comfortable majority in parliament, the fragmented left polled more votes in the last election and Gen. Eanes, in the presidential election last December, soundly defeated the alliance's candidate to win a second term.

Total allergy syndrome

Dallas clinic may save U.K. woman

LONDON, Feb. 23 (AP) — The 20th century is slowly killing Sheila Rossall. She was to fly to Dallas, Texas, Monday seeking a cure to save her life. Reduced to 24.5 kg by a rare disease known as the total allergy syndrome, the 31-year-old former pop singer has been given only a few weeks to live.

toothpaste or deodorant for 24 hours. We wash ourselves with a mild baby soap and our hair with baby shampoo. We must never wear perfume and try to make sure that our clothes are pure cotton."

Rossall is allergic to most modern materials and foods. She swells up and vomits if she comes into contact with gasoline fumes, man-made fibers in carpets, curtains and furniture, plastics and processed foods. The heat from television causes her face to swell, and so does using a telephone.

Mrs. Ellery said that three months of treatment at the Brookhaven Environmental Control unit under Dr. Robert Stroud will cost £16,000 and an installment payment plan has been worked out. Friends and neighbors are raising the money for a "save Sheila fund." Rossall's consultant during treatment will be William Ray, described in British press reports as a total allergy sufferer himself.

She has lain bed-ridden in a dark room of her apartment in the western England city of Bristol for more than three years, kept alive by air filter machines and the dedicated care of 10 friends.

The reports said Rossall will breathe filtered air and eat organically grown fruit and vegetables and wild game. They said treatment basically consists of desensitizing patients in a special unit sealed off from the outside world. Rossall once sang with a pop group named Pickettywitch, with whom she had a chart-topping number called "Love me just a little bit more."

Moi arrives in India

NEW DELHI, Feb. 23 (AP) — President Daniel Arap Moi of Kenya arrived here Monday on a five-day state visit. A 21-gun salute boomed as Moi was received at Delhi airport by Indian President Sanjiva Reddy, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, members of her government and diplomats.

The Kenyan leader is heading a 75-member delegation which includes seven cabinet ministers. Four economic and technical accords are to be signed during his visit to increase trade between the two countries. Moi is scheduled to visit Jaipur and Poona in western India and also an atomic research center in Bombay.

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Real-life drama at sea The saga of survival

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AL-KHOBAR. — Adrift for 25 hours in Arabian Gulf, three Britons and one American expected a watery grave before their dramatic rescue by the Saudi Civil Defense on Valentine's Day. "Not one of us would get out of it alive," said Brian Rutter as he and his three companions met the first time after their rescue to tell Arab news about their adventure. "We expected to end up as watery corpses on the east coast of Qatar."

Along with Trevor Murley, David O'Kane, Robert Curry, he set out at 7 a.m. from a boat's Sunset Beach for a morning's fishing grouper, the succulent fish the Arabs treasure. It was Curry's first fishing trip in Arabia since he had come here from Texas, but the others were veteran fishermen, familiar with the coastal waters. About 10:30 a.m. the engine of their Fletcher speedboat abruptly went dead. In the quarter-hour they took to inspect the engine, the wind and current took them straight out to sea. They looked up and saw no boats in sight although there had been 6 small craft nearby throughout the morning. Sighting a buoy, they immediately tried to reach it but could not.

The danger was clear to them within the first half-hour. Quickly they hoisted makeshift distress flags made from the orange lifejackets and yellow plastic bags attached to their fishing rods. They dumped out of a gas tank, filled it with water to keep it from sinking, and threw it aboard to serve as an anchor. Drugging on the boat, it slowed drift into the high seas. Afterwards they were told that without that sea anchor, they would have hit northerly currents south of Bahrain and been carried far into the Gulf where they ran the risk of being swamped by a giant tanker. By high noon, nonetheless, they were well and drifting miles from shore with only casual assistance.

During the afternoon, the rope attached to the anchor broke. A second sea anchor was used by dark. They decided to keep the third sea anchor as a backup should they approach land and try to swim to shore.

Drifting throughout the long dull afternoon, they were acutely aware of their peril. Kane's cracks about being very wet hoses in Iran sounded like gallows humor. They had a dozen salami-and-cucumber-on-rye sandwiches and one gallon orange squash which they quickly rationed. Murley estimated that if the speedboat did not capsize, they could last 4 days. Tossed about on the limitless expanse of sea, they were absorbed by the struggle for survival. Eyes scanned the horizon for ships. "We were very quiet," said Rutter. "Toward evening we thought that maybe the

Coast Guard might have noticed our absence, but we didn't know what system the Coast Guard used or how effective it was."

The men had checked in with the Coast Guard before their departure but not speaking Arabic, they had merely pointed to their watches and raised two fingers to indicate that they expected to be back by 2 p.m.

It was lonely for the four men cramped in the 14-foot-long speedboat. "We couldn't even play 'I Spy,'" joked O'Kane. "There was nothing around to notice, nothing you'd want to mention—only sun, waves, and sea." At one point he mistook some seagulls in the distance for fighter planes. There were, however, some things they didn't want to mention to lower morale.

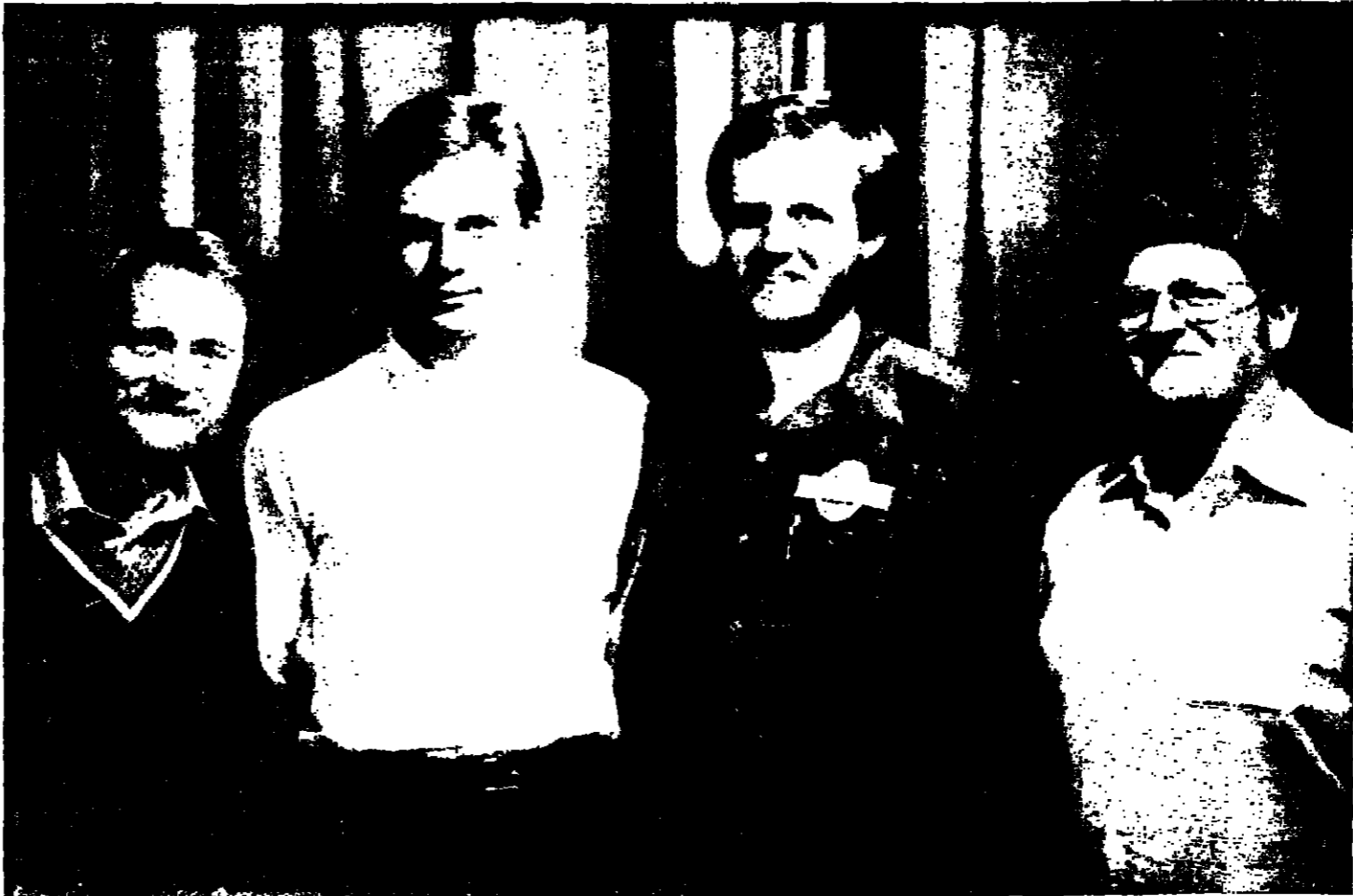
"Looking at the waves, you begin to see things," said Rutter. "I think I saw sharks, but I didn't say anything." Murley thought it best not to tell the others when he saw a barracuda leaping out of the water.

Towards nightfall, the men, now much with cold, stuck paper and cardboard down their shirts for insulation. They wrapped heads and legs in the blue plastic bags they had brought along in which to put their catch. Murley, who was in shirt sleeves, made a strait-jacket for himself out of another of these bags. Although the temperature was 40° F., the wind and wet made it seem much colder. It was impossible to keep dry with spray continually drenching them. Crouched on the slippery bottom of the boat, Murley tried to sleep on some whitening brought along as bait; but whenever he found himself on the verge of dozing off, waves would break and jerk him awake.

One man kept a lonely night-long vigil at the wheel, trying to keep the boat to face wind and waves in order to lessen the danger of capsizing.

At 3 or 4 a.m. they saw lights flickering on the shore, but these disappeared with dawn. They saw commercial planes in the distance and twice spotted a helicopter, but no one apparently saw them bobbing helplessly in their small craft. They passed an island near the coast of Bahrain but were not close enough to swim for it. "The island has a prison," quipped one of the men, "and we'd have been glad to join the inmates." But they struck to their boat knowing they couldn't survive long in the field waters with a swell of 7 to 8 feet. Fear, weariness and the continual rocking of the boat drove away any hunger pangs the men might have felt. The sea was very rough that morning.

"I kept thinking how glad I was to be well-insured for it meant my wife and family would be taken care of," said 36-year-old Murley who works for Saudi Diesel. O'Kane, who thought rescue was "a long shot," kept repeating to himself "What a way to spend Valentine's Day!" "There was nothing we



SURVIVORS: The survivors (from left to right) are Brian Rutter, David O'Kane, Robert Curry and Trevor Murley.

could do to help ourselves," said Rutter who was overcome by a sense of futility. Rutter had been in fine spirits on setting out because he had just learned that his wife's visa had come through; but adrift he could only think, "I'll be dead when she gets here."

At 12:36 p.m. Valentine's Day, 25 hours after they had started their dangerous drift, deliverance came in the form of a huge yellow double-rotor helicopter, looming out in the sky above, with its Saudi captain and 5-man crew waving at them. "I'll never forget seeing it," said Murley who first spotted the aircraft.

I said, "Well, fellows, if you've got anything to wave, wave it right now, because there's a chopper coming right at us!" And in the cathartic release of pent-up tension and fear, the men hollered. "It's surprising how loud you shout," remarked O'Kane afterward.

One by one, the men were plucked out of their craft, and winched up to the ear-splitting din of the copter's engine. Once inside they were snugly blanketed and fed. Safely ashore after their 38-mile drift, the men were examined by two doctors to determine if they were suffering from hypother-

mia, the lowering of body temperature from exposure. At the Dhahran Airport heliport, the men learned about the system which had saved their lives. The Coast Guard, starting a boat search at 6 p.m. Friday, four hours after their expected return, had informed both the Bahrain Coast Guard and the Saudi Civil Defense. At first light the next morning, the Saudi Civil Defense began the helicopter search.

"It's an excellent system," said Rutter, "because the currents, winds, tides, and anticipated drift are plotted." Using this information, the Saudi director in charge of the rescue, Commander Rashid Al-Qatan, directed the helicopter pilot to the area where he anticipated the currents had taken them.

All the men are full of praise for the Coast Guard and the Civil Defense. "If it weren't for the Coast Guard, we'd be dead," Murley said somberly. "We can't praise them enough."

"When you write it up, be sure you put in a big 'Thank you' to the Coast Guard and Civil Defense," the sailors said. Their brush with disaster has made them appropriately

safety-conscious. "It's a lot more dangerous than people think," said Rutter. "When you first come out here, you see how beautiful and blue the sea is, and you think it's safe because there are no breakers near shore. But once you are away from the shore, it changes."

Rutter pointed out that the Coast Guard are lifesavers rather than spoilsports when they chase rubber dinghies back to shore and insist boats meet stringent seaworthiness standards before being licensed. Murley urges sailors to be prepared for every contingency. "Follow the Saudi Coast Guard regulations. Carry lightweight protective clothing like the aluminum foil 'space blanket' which can fold into a cigarette packet, and carry a distress transmitter."

O'Kane added the final piece of practical advice for nicotine addicts. "Keep a pack of 200 cigarettes handy if you are a smoker."

Whenever Murley fell asleep, O'Kane and Rutter would pinch a cigarette from his extra pack to ease the strain and tension of drifting soundlessly into the Arabian Gulf.

Frank Sinatra back in game

By William Scoble

LAS VEGAS, (ONS) — As police sifted through the ashes of the Hilton Hotel's casino, the moguls of Nevada's \$2-billion-a-year gambling industry were fretting over a very different prospect. Ol' Blue Eyes was back, with a new licence to gamble. Nearly two decades ago after a furious clash with the state's Gaming Board, Frank Sinatra was stripped of his license for allegedly rolling out the red carpet for a Mafia chieftain at one of his casinos.

Recently a six-hour hearing by the same board turned into something like a love feast. Sinatra won unanimously, if conditional, approval to re-enter the hotel-casino management scene. A starry cast of witnesses, including Gregory Peck and Kirk Douglas, sang their old friend's praises. The Sheriff of Los Angeles County swore that "if Frank is a mobster, then I'm the Godfather."

A bespectacled Roman Catholic prelate waved a newspaper picture of himself with the ageing crooner. "Because Frank was pictured with me," he asked, "does that make him a priest?" (The point was that Sinatra's much-publicized 1976 snapshot in a pose with New York Godfather Carlo Gambino did not make him a Mafioso.) The vote to welcome Sinatra back, to be formalized by the State Gaming Commission, surprised no one. "Frank kinda had a stacked deck," said one state legislator.

Sinatra used old colleague Ronald Reagan's name as a personal reference to the board. At his birthday party last month a guest of honor was Reagan's new U.S. Attorney-General William French Smith. Governor Robert List and Gaming Board chairman Richard Benker granted him private interviews shortly before the hearing to assure the idol of Las Vegas would be "treated with dignity."

And so it proved. The big question now in America's gambling city is, how will Sinatra play with the new pack? Bunker says he sees no reason why the singer should not use his license as a stepping stone to "full casino ownership." Speculation exists here that multimillionaire Sinatra aspires to become the major stockholder at Caesar's Palace, then join with oil mogul friends in further acquisitions here and in Atlantic City.

Not everything was done "my way" at this week's hearing. Sour-faced and somber-suited, Sinatra bridled at question after question. The list grew of favors never exchanged, friendships not indulged.

He had never welcomed Chicago Mafia boss Sam Giancana (murdered in 1975) to his Cal-Neva Lodge casino; and, never delivered \$2 million to Lucky Luciano in Cuba in the 1940s.

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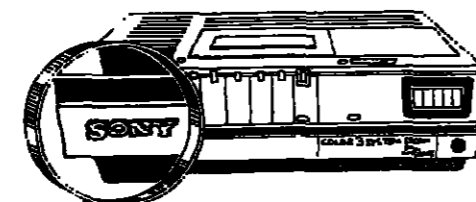
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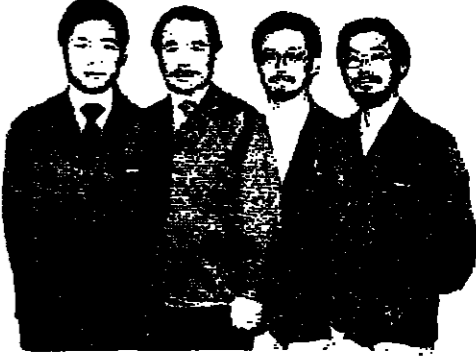
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Graduating in Geophysics from Tokyo Imperial University in 1942, Mr. Iwama entered the University's Earthquake Research Institute in 1945.

In 1958 he was appointed Senior Managing Director of Sony, Deputy President and Representative Managing Director in 1973 and President and Chief Operating Officer of Sony Corporation in 1976.

Mr. Iwama was awarded the coveted Medal of Honour with Blue Ribbon by the Emperor of Japan in 1979, in recognition of his pioneering work in developing the world's first transistor radio and home video.

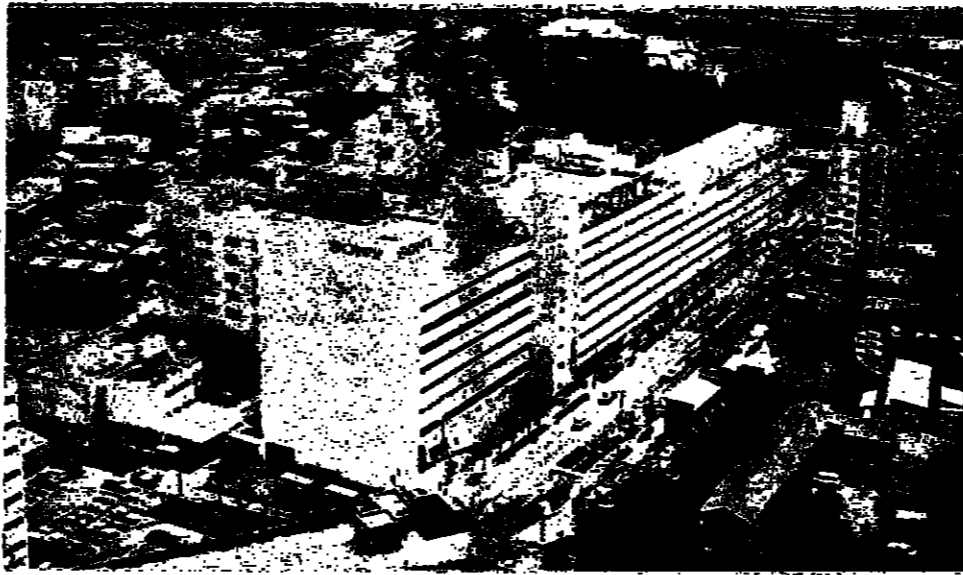
Mr. Iwama is married, and has 3 children — a son and two daughters.



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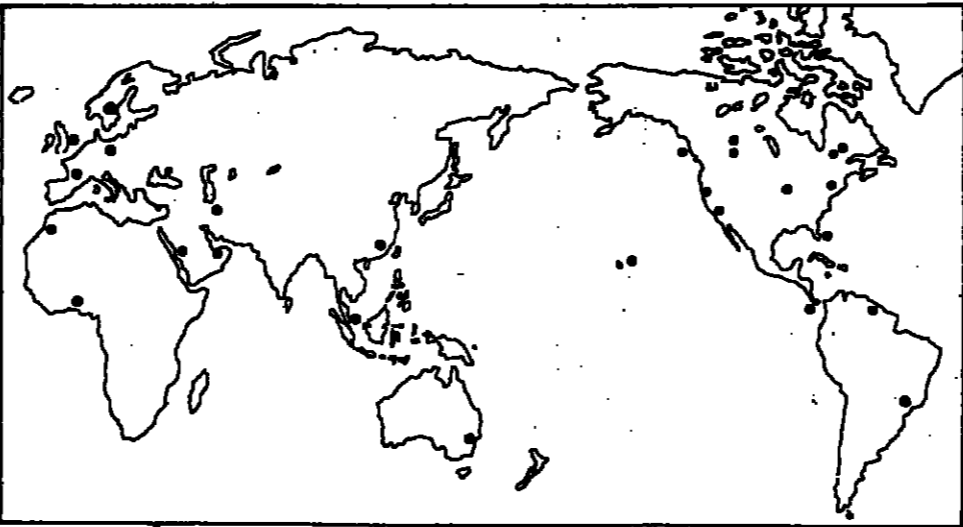
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SONY Technology

Sony's constant search for innovative new products has contributed significantly to the advancement of electronics. The pioneering spirit has inspired many 'firsts in the world' or 'firsts in Japan.'

The ability to create a parade of new products also stems from the comprehensive range of technology covering practically every item from tapes to videotape recorders, and from microphones to complex audio systems. Engineers and scientists in each specialized field work together as a unified team to develop a new product in a coordinated effort, once a goal has been set.

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These pioneering steps and subsequent progress have won wide recognition. In 1973, the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences awarded an "Emmy" for the Trinitron. The Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., holds the first Trinitron produced as a historic item in the progress of color television. Various encyclopedias include it in their pages. Its

inventors have been awarded many prizes and honors.



Sony received three "Emmy" Awards from the United States Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for outstanding achievement in the field of television and video technology.

SONY now into Business Machines

SONY's latest venture is the development and marketing of Business Machines.

The announcement made recently, coincided with the introduction of the Sony Series 35 Word Processor, with a floppy disc storage technology, that Sony intends to make available to other manufacturers.

Sony has also introduced the small size Typewriter — which is a portable, noiseless typewriter that is designed to store written and voice input on microcassettes.

From audio visual equipment to business machines, Sony progress in the past 35 years has been truly phenomenal and holds out the prospect of further progress and expansion for Sony.

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Lakers get past Knicks

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 — If there has been a silver lining to the dark cloud that was Earvin "Magic" Johnson's knee injury, it has been the rapid development of Michael Cooper of the Los Angeles Lakers.

Cooper, Los Angeles' sixth man in its run to the National Basketball Association Championship last season, inherited Johnson's guard spot in the lineup after the magic man got hurt Nov. 18 and has helped the Lakers to a 27-16 record since then.

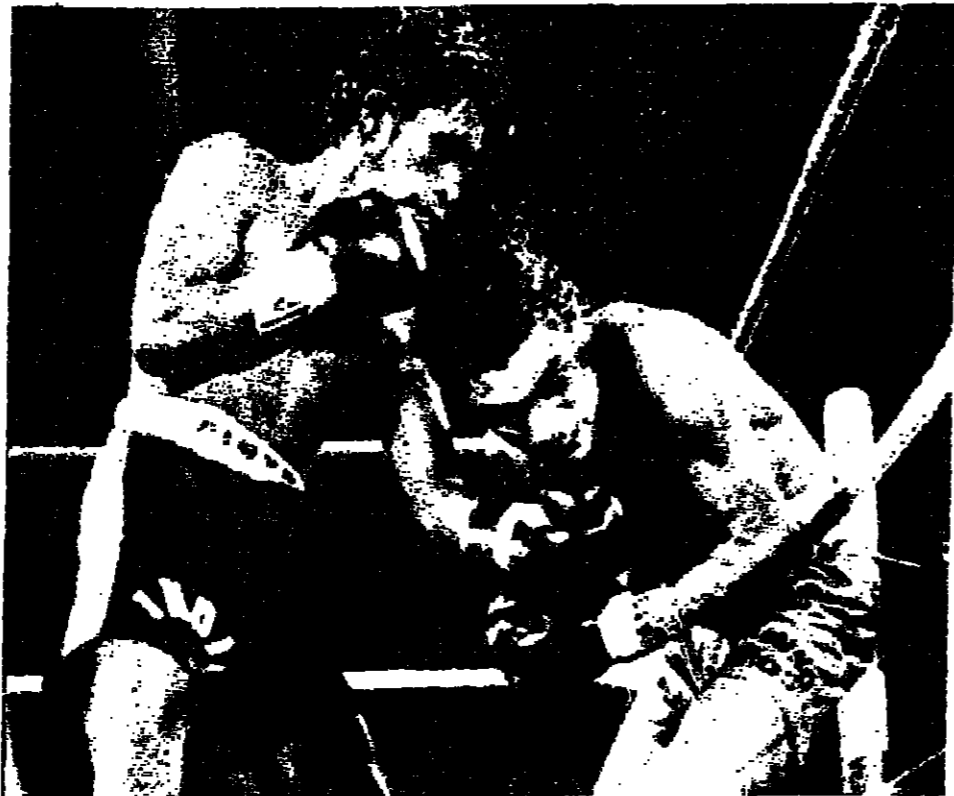
Cooper had two steals and one blocked shot in the final two minutes Sunday, and fed a perfect pass to Kareem Abdul-Jabbar for the go-ahead basket with 56 seconds to play as the Lakers edged the New York Knicks 96-93.

The Lakers expect Johnson to return to action Friday night, but will be able to bring him along slowly because Cooper is playing so well. At New York he had 12 points, nine rebounds, seven assists, four steals and one blocked shot.

Abdul-Jabbar led the Lakers with 32 points and Jamaal Wilkes and Norm Nixon added 19 apiece. Reserve guard Mike Glenn was New York's high scorer with 19.

The victory kept the Lakers within 4½ games of first-place Phoenix in the Pacific Division race. The Suns beat Philadelphia 116-110.

Neither Los Angeles nor New York led by more than nine points in their nationally televised game, and the lead changed hands eight times in the fourth quarter. Abdul-Jabbar finally put Los Angeles ahead to stay 94-93 with his layup off the Cooper pass, then sealed the victory with two free throws with four seconds left.



ON THE ROPES: Defending champion Lupe Pintor delivers some hard punches, after forcing challenger Jose Uziga on the ropes.

Pintor outpoints Uziga

HOUSTON, Texas, Feb. 23 (R) — Lupe Pintor of Mexico outclassed Argentina's Jose Uziga Sunday to retain his World Boxing Council (WBC) bantamweight title with a unanimous 15-round points decision.

Pintor, 25, was the aggressor throughout his sixth defense of the title he won in June 1979. He now has a record of 45 wins for five losses and one draw with 35 knockouts.

Under the WBC point system, in which

the winner of each round receives 10 points, the three judges scored the fight for Pintor 148-139, 150-128 and 149-136.

The 28-year-old Argentine was reeling against the ropes and in danger of going down when the bout ended. He said later he had learned that he had fractured both thumbs.

"I broke the right thumb in the fourth round and the left thumb in the 10th," said Uziga. The WBC's ninth-ranked contender. "Every time I threw my right (hand) after that, I felt strong pain."

The outcome was never in much doubt. Pintor continuously stalked Uziga around the ring while blocking most on the Argentine's punches. Uziga's record now stands at 28-1-3.

It was Pintor's second title defense since he knocked out Johnny Owen of Britain last Sept. 19. Over died after 40 days in a coma.

New Zealand skittled

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Feb. 23 (AP) — New Zealand collapsed sensationally in their second innings of the first test against India at the Basin Reserve in Wellington Monday.

The tourists, all out for 223 in their first innings, were 152 runs short of the New Zealand first innings total of 375. But New Zealand's batting failed miserably in their second innings and they were all out for 100. With two days remaining, India need 253 for victory.

Destroyers of the New Zealand batting were paceman Kapil Dev, who took four wickets for 34 off 16 overs, and 18-year-old

Chaos mars European athletic meet

GRENOBLE, France, Feb. 23 (AFP) — The European Indoor Athletic Championship ended in controversy here Sunday when one world best performance was quashed and another gold medal winner found himself demoted.

Both incidents involved Frenchmen, and left championship organizers with eggs on their face as the two-day European indoor circuit reached a close.

The problems started when the bell for the last lap in the men's 3,000 meters final was sounded one lap too soon. Home hero Alex Gonzales powered to the tape and was then informed that he had won over 2,820 meters.

Gonzales was then told he was being stripped of his gold medal, but after a protest from French coach Jean Poczobut, he was confusingly informed he would receive the gold medal, but not the European title.

Matters were compounded when pole vaulter Thierry Vigneron soared over 5.70 meters to win the gold. The bar was then found to have been one centimeter lower, which was important as 5.70 meters was Vigneron's world best performance.

Amin steals the show

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 23 — Amin of 1395 rewrote his name on the record book in the Binzagr B & H Cricket League when taking 5 for 5 and bowling his side to a fluent victory over KAA University during the weekend.

A month back, Amin claimed 5 to 15 to better the three-year old mark of 5 for 23 set by Rizwan of Pak Saudi. But that record was shattered by Nasim also of Pak Saudi when bagging 5 for 9 last week. However, this week Amin once again stole the show to get his name back on the record book.

1395, winning the toss found themselves restricted by the splendid attack and fielding of the University lads. However, Noakes with a breezy unbeaten 30 enabled them total 109 for 8. In reply, the University lads fared poorly. Amin being the chief wrecker. Amin was also deprived of an hat-trick on two occasions. Lloyd and Bahmer claimed two wickets each for 6 and 13 runs respectively.

In another match, Yellow Rose scored a thrilling 25-run victory over Indian Embassy while Pak Saudi beat Pak Jeddah by four wickets. JCC also scored a fluent 66 runs victory over IAL.

spinner Ravi Shastri, who took three for nine off three overs.

New Zealand skipper Geoff Howarth said that he felt the New Zealand cause was not lost as the pitch had developed a low bounce which was difficult to handle.

India's first innings continued Monday at four for 133 with Sandeep Patil and Kirti Azad batting well. But after Patil was caught behind by Ian Smith off paceman Gary Troup for 64 and Azad was bowled by Lance Cairns for 20, the remaining wickets fell for a hand-full of runs.

Tomorrow is a rest day, and India will then have two whole days to score the 253 runs needed for a win.

John Wright was the first batsman out when he nicked a catch to vice-captain Gundappa Viswanath at first slip off the bowling of Kapil Dev for only eight runs.

Brief scores: New Zealand 375 and 100 (B. Edgar 28, I. Smith 15 not out; Kapil Dev 4 for 34, Ravi Shastri 3 for 9, R. Binny 2 for 26) vs. India 223 (S. Patil 64, K. Azad 20; L. Cairns 5 for 33, G. Troupe 3 for 43).

Pakistan wins

LAHORE, Pakistan Feb. 23 (AFP) — Pakistan defeated Australia by seven wickets here Monday on the final day of the under-19 cricket Test. Scores: Australia 208 and 151, Pakistan 268 and 93 for three.

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Frenchmen stripped of titles

It was finally decided, however, that as world records are not official indoors, Vigneron would be credited with a won at 5.70 meters.

Confusion aside, the second day's competition, the unfortunate Vigneron apart, proved to be of a lesser standard than Saturday's when two world best performances were


equalled. There were predictable wins for Italian Olympic champion Sara Simeoni in the high jump (1.97 meter), for West German Thomas Wessinghage in the 1500 meter, (3:42.64) and for Reijo Stahlberg of Finland in the men's shot put (19.88 meter).



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In World Cup Soccer

Brazil virtually assured of spot

LA PAZ, Feb. 23 (R) — Brazil overcame their fear of heights to beat Bolivia 3-1 in a South American World Cup Soccer qualifying match Sunday and now look virtually certain to go to Spain next year.

Two weeks of pre-match training and friendly matches in high altitude South American countries paid off handsomely for the Brazilians. They dominated the game with attacking football in the world's highest capital, 3,500 meters (12,000 feet) up in the Andes.

Two years ago Bolivia beat Brazil by the

same score here. The Brazilians blamed mountain sickness for their defeat. But Sunday the visitors, under new manager Tele Santana, showed no lack of stamina and grabbed an early lead with a goal from striker Soares in the sixth minute.

Bolivia equalized with a goal from midfielder Aragon in the 27th minute. The winner came from Brazil's center forward Reinaldo in the 60th minute after a bungle by the Bolivian defense left him free to lob the ball high into the net.

Brazilian defender Luzinho was carried off

the field with a broken left ankle after a first half collision with Bolivian winger Aguilar. Brazil have now won both their away qualifying Group I matches after beating Venezuela 1-0. Neither the Venezuelans or Bolivians are given much chance of heating them in the return games.

Standing

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brazil	2	2	0	0	3	1	4
Bolivia	2	1	0	1	4	2	2
Venezuela	2	0	2	0	4	0	0

Netherlands registers first victory

GRONINGEN, Netherlands, Feb. 23 (R) — The Netherlands gained its first success in their bid to reach the World Soccer Cup finals in 1982, but a 3-0 win over lowly Cyprus gave the once-proud side little cause to rejoice.

The Dutch, World Cup runners-up in 1974 and 1978, forced a total of 18 corners but at halftime, in this European qualifying Group II clash, led only 1-0 through full back Hugo Hovenkamp.

Interim coach Rob Baan, who probably gone down in sports history as the only Dutch

soccer trainer never to lose a match, saw his team hooded off the field by the 16,000 spectators at the interval.

However, he made a significant halftime switch, bringing on tall striker Dick Nanninga in place of midfielder Peter Amiz, Manninga, who scored for the Netherlands in their 1978 3-1 world final defeat by Argentina, quickly laid on a goal for international debutant Cees Schapendonk and then headed a third himself 10 minutes later.

Baan, who was in sole charge of the side for only this tie, gambled on fielding seven players from runaway Dutch League leaders AZ '67 Alkmaar.

Standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ireland	5	3	1	1	12	6	7
Belgium	4	3	1	0	7	3	7
France	2	2	0	0	9	0	4
Netherlands	3	1	0	2	4	3	2
Cyprus	6	0	0	6	4	24	0

Prohaska nets late winner for Inter

ROME, Feb. 23 (R) — Inter-Milan, the holders, took over the lead of the Italian Soccer Championship from Roma Sunday but Juventus won again and remain only one point behind them.

Austrian midfielder star Herbert Prohaska scored Inter's late winner in the 2-1 defeat of Roma. Roma could only draw 1-1 at home to Bologna after Brazilian Nalcao had put them ahead.

Perugia's dramatic decline continued with a 2-1 home defeat by Udinese. Perugia, almost unbeatable last season, are five points short of anyone and look sure to go down. They were docked five points for their part in last year's betting scandal and lost the services of the banned Paolo Rossi, Italy's top striker.

Meanwhile, manager Enzo Bearzot left Juventus midfielder Franco Causio out of the Italian soccer squad for the match against a host of Europe's team on Wednesday in aid of victims of the earthquake last November.

Causio, 32, has played 55 times for Italy. Goalkeepers: Dino Zoff (Juventus), Ivano

Bordon (Inter), Defenders: Giuseppe Baresi (Inter), Antonio Cabrini (Juventus), Fulvio Collovati (A.C. Milan), Claudio Gentile (Juventus), Gaetano Scirea (Juventus), Midfield: Giancarlo Antognoni (Fiorentina), Giampiero Marini (Inter), Marco Tardelli (Juventus), Carlo Ancelotti (Roma), Forwards: Sandro Altobelli (Inter), Salvatore

Bagni (Perugia), Robelo Bottega (Juventus), Bruno Conti (Roma), Francesco Graziani (Torino)

In Glasgow, Meadowbank beat Clyde 4-1 in a Scottish Division Two match played on Clyde's ground. The match was rearranged from Feb. 21.

European Soccer Results

Italian Division One		Greek Division One	
Ascoli	0 Cagliari	0	0
Avellino	3 Torino	0	0
Catanzaro	2 Fiorentina	0	0
Inter	2 Como	0	0
Juventus	2 Brescia	0	0
Perugia	1 Udinese	0	0
Provence	0 Napoli	0	0
Roma	1 Bologna	0	0
Olympiakos	1 Panachaiki	0	0
Atrantinos	0 Larisa	0	0
Panathinaikos	0 OFI	0	0
Panionios	2 Kavala	0	0
Dora	2 Aris	1	1
Panserriakos	1 AEK	1	1
Kastoria	4 Apollon	0	0



SEVENTH WIN: Jimmy Connors rushes across to reach a Lendl return for his seventh win over the Czech.

Entries are invited for Air France Open

By Christine Lamb

JEDDAH, Feb. 23 — Entries are invited from Jeddah players for the second annual Air France Open Tennis Tournament to be held at Lockheed compound, North Creek, Jeddah from March 19 with the finals scheduled for April 3. Entry forms are available from Mahmoud Omar in the Air France Office, Medina Road, and the closing date for entries is Feb. 26.

A feature of this year's tournament will be competition for junior players — the first time that Open Junior Tennis Tournaments will be staged in Jeddah. Other events include men's singles, men's doubles, ladies singles, ladies doubles, and mixed doubles. Prizes include two return tickets to Paris on Air France donated by the organizers, and many other prizes to all those who reach the quarter-final stage.

Competition in all the events promises to be strong, and barring any unforeseen events, the men's singles should see both Rene Abastillas and Jerry Hurst, the two leading players of Jeddah, pitting their skills against each other for the first time in a tournament atmosphere.

Connors downs Lendl

LA QUINTA, California, Feb. 23 (AP) — Jimmy Connors won the first set easily then after trailing 4-0 came on to win the second set in the tie-breaker to defeat Ivan Lendl 6-3, 7-6, 7-5 (tie-breaker) for the \$28,000 first prize in the \$175,000 Grand Mariner-ATP Tennis Games.

Played at the La Quinta Hotel golf and tennis resort, it was the seventh win against no losses for Connors over Lendl and the third time since their first meeting in 1979 at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Connors got off to a good start with a 6-3 first set win that took only 43 minutes. The 20-year-old Lendl, a native of Osava, Czechoslovakia, showed his impatience and lack of experience with forced errors. Connors had two set points on Lendl at 5-2, but Lendl survived by reeling off four points in a row to hold service.

Connors however, won his serve at 40-15 when Lendl netted a deep, down-the-middle placement.

"I felt I played a flawless first set doing

everything well," said Connors. "But when he (Lendl) won the first game at love of the second set on his serve, I didn't lose by confidence but did become very frustrated."

Lendl, who came to the net only twice in the first set and lost both points on loss by Connors, seemed to settle down in the second both points on lobs by Connors, seemed to settle down in the second set. Connors continued to be the aggressor in the second set by attempting to make his opponent run from side to side. But he began missing the corners and dropped his serve when Lendl passed him down the line.

Lendl came to the net three times on his serve for points to take a 3-0 lead and broke Connors on a love game to jump ahead 4-0. "I had dug myself into hole," Connors noted. "It was my own fault. To myself I thought I had lost the set, but I didn't want to go into the third set losing 6-0 to give him the momentum. So I became more aggressive." Lendl said he couldn't explain why he left Connors come back and win four games in a row.

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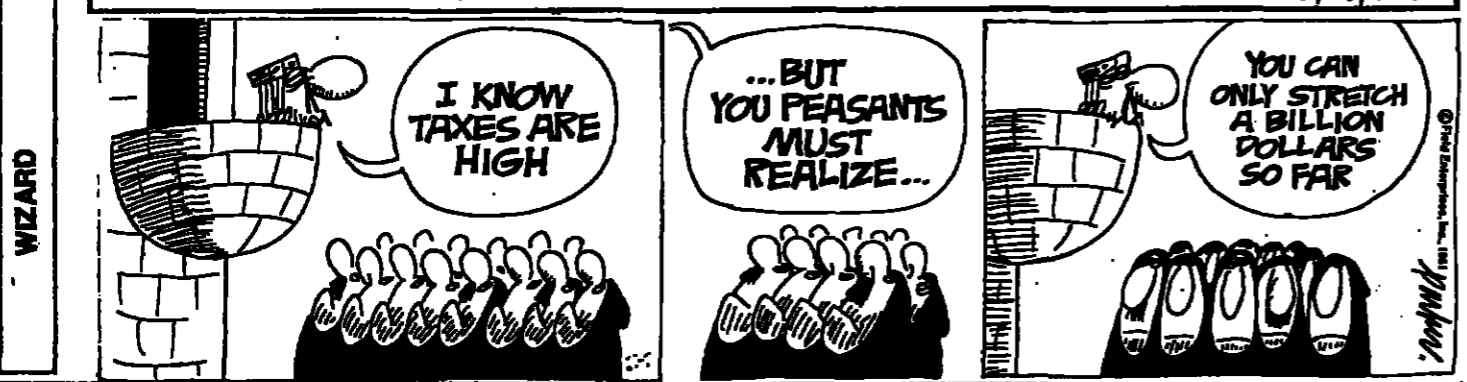
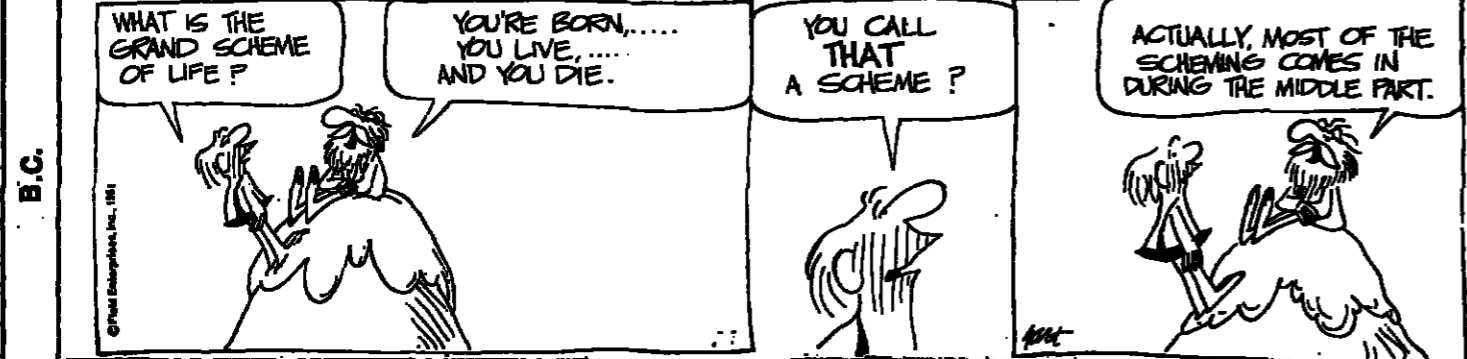
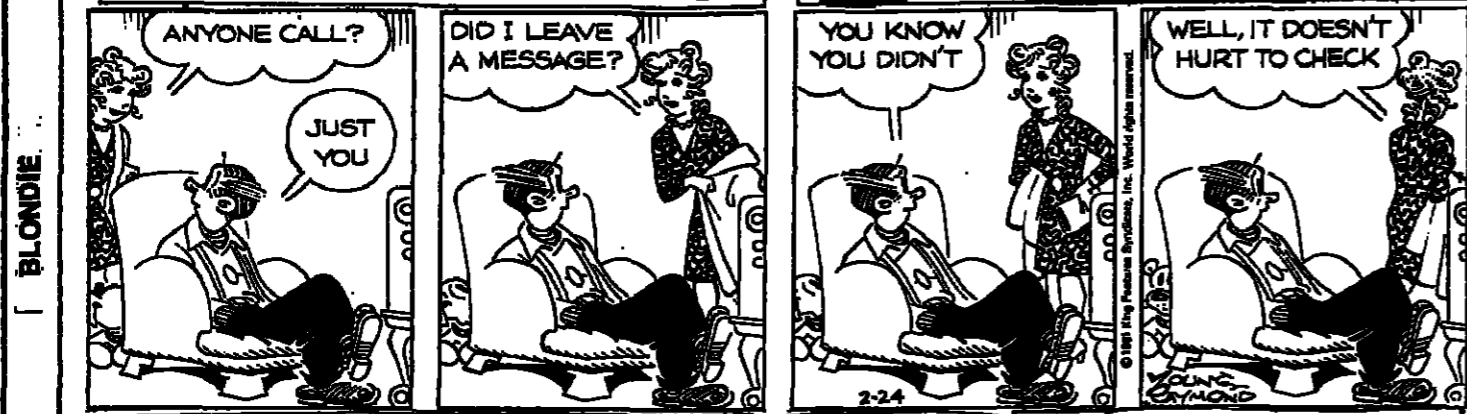
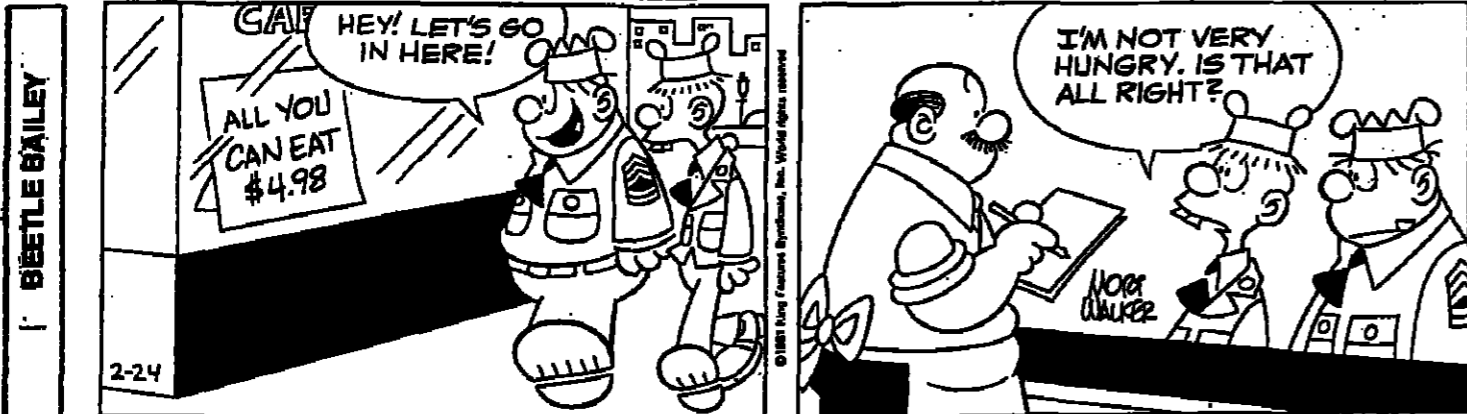
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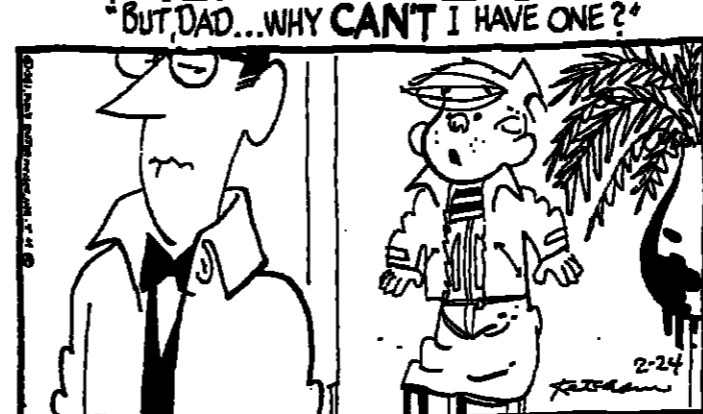
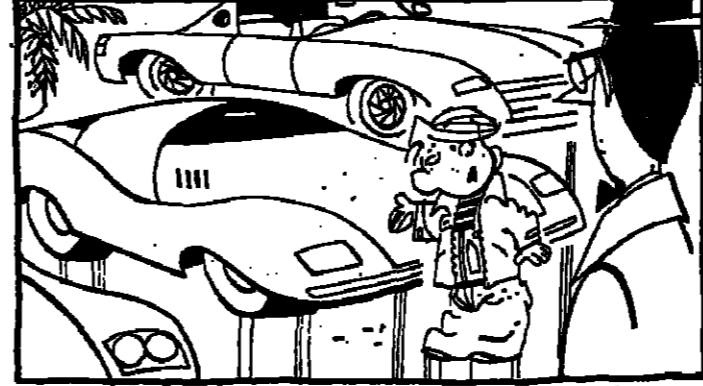
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To avoid crisis

U.S. Congress urged to okay package plan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (R) — Top administration officials have predicted grave economic consequences, unless Congress approved President Reagan's sweeping program of steep tax and budget cuts aimed at reviving the U.S. economy.

Following Reagan's address to a joint Congressional session last week, Budget Director David Stockman, Treasury Secretary Donald Regan and Presidential Counselor Edwin Meese gave separate television interviews urging quick legislative action on the economic recovery plan.

The president has proposed a 10 per cent tax cut for each of the next three years, plus cuts of \$8 billion in former President Carter's budget for this financial year and \$4.8 billion in the financial year starting Oct. 1.

Stockman said Sunday that if Congress

approved the whole package, "getting inflation down to below five per cent in the next few years shouldn't be that extraordinary." Inflation is currently running at an annual rate of 12.6 per cent.

Stockman said, however, that if Congress refused to go along completely with the plan, the economic outlook for the United States was "dire."

"For that reason, I expect strong support," Stockman said, although conceding there might be some quibbling about the specifics of the plan.

He said it would be a serious blow if the long-term tax cut proposals were implemented one year at a time, as some Democrats had suggested.

Meese agreed there was a real need for the tax cuts and said he believed the leaders of Congress would recognize this when they examined the Reagan administration's economic proposals.

"I am optimistic that we will get the total recovery package in substantially the same form... it is a break with the past because for many years we have been going down the wrong road and they can see this," he said.

Meese said he did not regard the plan as a gamble because it had been carefully put together by the president and his advisers and then thoroughly checked by economists. "I don't believe Congress will turn its back, that it would be so insensitive to the need for jobs and economic recovery," he said.

Meese stressed that the proposals were a comprehensive package and that all parts of it were equally important to prevent the economy from deteriorating further.

Greek farmers strike for higher prices

ATHENS, Feb. 23 (AFP) — About a million Greek farmers have begun a seven-day strike in support of several demands mainly centered on guaranteed prices to cover production costs plus profit.

Agriculture Minister Athanasios Canelopoulos had said guaranteed prices were adequate, and an increase would lead to "an explosion of the economy."

A spokesman for the General Confederation of Farmers' Association did rule out that farmers would refuse to supply produce to press their demands for reasonable prices, low-interest loans and a five-year moratorium on their debts.

The strike has been called to coincide with the meeting in Brussels of the European Common Market farm ministers.

Farmers also demand protection against bad crops caused by weather, pension increases and medical insurance. Greece became the tenth member of the common market this year.

The move came as civil aviation unions called for a 48-hour strike on international and internal flights of Olympic Airways from 2200 hours Sunday, in response to reports the government intends to return the airline to private ownership. The government has denied the reports.

Olympic Airways belonged to Greek shipowner Aristotle Onassis who died in March 1975, and was nationalized in January 1975.

The unions are demanding a five-day week and a greater pay increase than the eight per cent offered by management. Some union leaders believe that the rejection of their demands is intended to make it easier to sell the company.

As first step

U.S. to allow Poland to defer debt repayment

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 (AP) — The administration of President Ronald Reagan has decided to allow the financially pressed Polish government to defer repayment of more than \$80 million owed to the United States, a published report says.

The Washington Post, in its Monday editions, quoted State Department sources as saying the administration is taking the action as a first step in aiding the Polish government. Poland has been beset by labor strife and

economic ills.

The Post said the deferred debt involves funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation, which is part of the Agriculture Department.

The deferred was to be announced at meetings in Paris, beginning Monday, of representatives of Western nations that have lent money to Poland. The Post also said the Reagan administration is studying a longer-term and more comprehensive plan of assistance to Poland.

EEC's deficit with U.S. mounts to \$28b in 1980

BRUSSELS, Feb. 23 (AFP) — Amid the controversy over the European Community's trade deficit with Japan, less comment has been made on the fact that the community's deficit with the United States last year was nearly three times greater.

This goes a long way to explaining why trade relations between the community and the U.S. are extremely strained, raising the possibility of a trade war.

In the community's trade deficit with Japan — which has been largely responsible for top level moves to persuade Japan to reduce its exports — totaled \$10.7 billion, while the community's deficit with the U.S. was \$28 billion, compared with \$13 billion, in 1979.

The main problems between the European Economic Community (EEC) and the U.S. concern the rise in the value of the dollar, interest rates for export credits, synthetic fibers, textiles, steel, trade policy toward Japan, and to some extent the grain embargo against the Soviet Union in retaliation for Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

Finance ministers from the ten EEC member countries agreed here last week that the strength of the dollar was largely due to the U.S. policy of high interest rates of around 20 per cent compared with nine per cent in West Germany for example.

Last December, when the U.S. administration headed by Jimmy Carter was in power, the two sides clashed over export credits within the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). The U.S. criticized the community for fixing minimum interest rates for export credits too low so as to win markets in the developing countries.

This row has still not been settled, and U.S. President Ronald Reagan's policy of taking a more distant line with the developing countries and cutting \$410 million from the

resources of the Export-Import Bank as part of his campaign to slash federal spending are unlikely to make a solution easier. However where synthetic fibers are concerned, the situation has eased following America's decision to deregulate oil prices.

The community had protested that low U.S. oil prices gave an unfair advantage to U.S. fiber producers as oil is the raw material for synthetic fibers. This enabled American manufacturers to flood the European market, the community argued under pressure from manufacturers who demand anti-dumping controls against imports from the U.S.

The U.S. administration has also undertaken to deregulate natural gas prices before the planned date to provide greater freedom for the export of naphtha, the vital oil-based ingredient used in fiber production. But no firm date has been given for this.

By contrast, Washington, has not shown any flexibility over textiles. Manufacturers in the EEC have told the commission that U.S. exporters have now captured 23 per cent of the community's market for corduroy against 10 per cent in 1977 and 30 per cent of the denim market against 24 per cent.

Thatcher aide admits retreat on coal front

LONDON, Feb. 23 (R) — Britain's Trade Secretary John Biffen, a close adviser of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, has acknowledged that the government had retreated over pit closures last week because it feared a widespread miners' strike.

Faced with the threat a national miners' strike, the government agreed to make more cash available to the coal industry to keep open the uneconomical pits.

Asked in a television Sunday whether the government had given in to industrial muscle Biffen replied: "Yes."

Last week's decision was greeted with jeers of "surrender" from press and opposition politicians and was a major reversal of Mrs. Thatcher's policies of curbing government spending.

A national strike by coal miners in 1974 forced Edward Heath, the previous Conservative prime minister, to call a general election which he subsequently lost.

He said the government's decision showed it would make tactical adjustments in economic policies, but he added the long-term strategy had not changed. He, however, admitted workers in other sectors were going to try to use the government's alleged surrender as they made their own demands.

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Arms for Salvador

Reagan aide warns Havana of blockade

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (AP) — Presidential counselor Edwin Meese, saying it would be in "Cuba's own self-interest" to halt arms shipments to El Salvador, has warned "it is entirely possible" that the United States will take direct action against Cuba to stop the shipments. Meese would not rule out a blockade.

"I think it's in Cuba's own self-interest to halt them (arms shipments) right now and end this transmittal of subversion into central America," Meese said Sunday on the "Issues and Answers" program of the ABC-TV television network.

Later in the day President Ronald Reagan, speaking with reporters as he prepared to board *Air Force One* for his return flight to Washington following a California vacation, said, "we are all very concerned" about developments in El Salvador.

Meese, in the television interview, said the United States would try to stop the shipments by working with countries through which the

weapons are transported. If the negotiations fail, Meese said, "we would take other steps." Asked if the administration had ruled out a blockade of Cuba, he said: "One of the things you don't do is rule out anything. It's not wise to let those who are trying to ship the arms know what steps we will take until it's necessary to do that."

Meese said the United States would not be limited to using military force against Cuba, however, but could resort to "economic steps." "There are intermediate actions that can be taken which have to do with informing the peoples of other countries about what's happening," he said.

Later, speaking with reporters as he and Reagan prepared to board *Air Force One*, Meese said the administration has developed contingency plans to deal with developments in El Salvador but "we're not going to say what they are, nor are we precluding anything."

Shortly before President Jimmy Carter left office, the United States sent \$10 million in military aid to El Salvador. Last week, a State Department memorandum charged that Salvadoran civil strife had become "a textbook case of indirect armed aggression by Communist powers."

The memo asserted that "the political direction, organization and arming of the Salvadoran insurgency is coordinated and heavily influenced by Cuba with the active support of the Soviet Union and other Communist countries."

Meese said President Reagan and Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. have been sending signals to the Soviets warning them that the United States is beginning a "new era of foreign policy."

"We're not belligerent. We're not arrogant. All we're interested in is keeping the peace of the world along with our allies," he said.

ABC News, quoting State Department sources, reported late Sunday that the Cuban government had "heard directly" from the Reagan administration of its position on the arms shipments. A State Department spokesman would not confirm or deny the report.

In Washington Secretary of State Haig is meeting Monday with French Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet to review the situation in El Salvador.

Meanwhile, troops backed by helicopters and armored vehicles swooped on guerrilla bases southeast of San Salvador Sunday and killed at least 50 leftists in fierce fighting, a government spokesman said in San Salvador. Government losses were put at five dead. All roads in the coastal area were blocked by the army for more than four hours to cut off the guerrillas' escape.

In the capital, the government had still not issued any statement on Col. Adolfo Arnoldo Maliano, a former member of the ruling junta who was arrested here Friday after two months in hiding.

Ex-hostage receives death threat

BALCH SPRINGS, Texas, Feb. 23 (AP) — Marine Sgt. Johnny McKeel Jr., one of the 52 former American hostages in Iran, has said he has received several death threats since he returned home, many from people identifying themselves as Vietnam veterans.

McKeel said Sunday he has received "about 12" threats on his life, mostly in letters. McKeel said in a telephone interview that he has not notified authorities and is trying to ignore the threats. "I don't take them seriously" he said, adding "99 percent of them are just cranks anyhow."

McKeel said he's also been plagued by "people calling and not saying anything and hanging up." Many of the threats were from people who said they were Vietnam veterans upset by all the attention lavished on the former hostages, he said. The callers and letter writers did not identify themselves by name, McKeel said.

Indian riot toll mounts

NEW DELHI, Feb. 23 (R) — Police opened fire Monday to disperse a crowd in the western Indian city of Ahmedabad where five persons were killed in violent incidents Sunday, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported. Nobody was injured in Monday firing, but one man was admitted to hospital with acid burns, PTI said.

At least 17 persons have died during the one-month-old disturbances in Ahmedabad and other cities in Gujarat state where students are protesting the reservation of seats for lower castes in medical colleges.

Peru mobilizes forces

LIMA, Feb. 23 (Agencies) — Peruvian military sources have said the country's armed forces had been fully mobilized following the latest flare-up on the jungle frontier with Ecuador in the Condor mountains. At the same time, the Ministry of Commerce announced Sunday that Ecuador had suspended all imports of Peruvian goods.

A communique from the presidential palace claimed Sunday the capture of three Ecuadorian emplacements inside Peruvian territory. "The Peruvian armed forces have precise instructions from the supreme government to eliminate any infiltration detected on the Peruvian side of the Condor mountains," the communique said. Any further incursion would be considered an act of war and the Peruvian armed forces would take "the corresponding actions in Ecuadorian territory," it added.

There were no reports of new fighting Sunday. "There is nothing new. We have defined our position in the communique," said Peruvian Vice Adm. Juan Eguquizza Babilonia, head of the armed forces joint command.

Foreign Minister Javier Arias Stella said "the Peruvian people should remain serene, secure in the knowledge that we will act with

Border fighting

firmness but with the reflection the moment requires."

Meanwhile, representatives of four countries monitoring the ceasefire between Peru and Ecuador expressed concern about mounting complaints of border violations from both countries, a diplomatic source said Sunday in the Brazilian capital Brasilia.

The four countries — Brazil, Chile, Argentina and the United States — held a brief, late-night ambassadorial level meeting Saturday to discuss reports of violations from both sides of the disputed region.

Military attaches from the four nations, dispatched from Lima and Quito, remained in the contested region, but had limited access to the border, said the source close to the diplomatic effort. The mediators were acting in their role as guarantors of the 1942 protocol of Rio De Janeiro, which called for border demarcation between the rival nations.

The source, who asked not to be identified, said the four-nation group might meet again on Monday to seek better means of monitoring the ceasefire. "They are concerned by the repeated charges that the ceasefire is being broken by both parties in the dispute," the source said.

Dollar advances, gold falls back

LONDON, Feb. 23 (AP) — The dollar made some gains against most European currencies Monday. Gold also made some early advances, but fell back in morning trading. Currency dealers reported that the dollar's surge followed firming Eurodollar interest rates, which make the currency more attractive, and a "technical reaction" to Friday's sharp drop in the wake of a fall in U.S. short-term interest rates.

Another factor Friday was simultaneous actions by the West German and Swiss central banks to hike borrowing costs in their countries to slow the dollar's climb in recent weeks.

"The market may have over-reacted last

West discusses cash aid to Poland

PARIS, Feb. 23 (Agencies) — Delegates from Western countries met here Monday to discuss emergency financial aid to Poland, a reliable source said. The main concern was finding ways of rescheduling the Polish debt, as Warsaw now had an urgent need for new cash to meet its obligations. Poland owes nearly \$25,000 million to various Western countries, especially the United States, West Germany, Canada, France and Japan. This year, Warsaw will need about \$10,000 million in new loans, according to an estimate by Polish authorities.

Japan said last week that it would propose aid totaling \$30 million, which would allow Poland to take care of about half of its loan repayments now due to Japanese creditors. The attitude of other Western countries, some of whom have already granted Poland easier terms for repayments, has not been made public.

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Rajai warns opponents

TEHRAN, Feb. 23 (Agencies) — Iranian Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai has warned political opposition groups in his country that they would be destroyed if they did not cooperate with the existing order. Rajai, whose government is dominated by the fundamentalist Islamic Republican Party (IRP), also indicated the increasing official exasperation with press attacks on his administration.

His opponents were "hypocrites, counter-revolutionaries and troublemakers" who were "the real colleagues of Reagan," he said, in a television address Sunday night. "Those who, against the orders of the interior ministry, demonstrate and create street violence, and those who try to create unrest by planting bombs, are well known to our people," Rajai said.

But he told his opponents: "The people want you to come back to their nation and to Islam. Our revolution is humane and constructive, not a revolution of bayonets and executions. And I hope you will not make it become one."

Rajai, however, did not name any of his opponents. But Iranian observers said he evidently felt the need to defend the IRP-led government's position against increasingly open attacks in recent weeks by groups ranging from the moderate supporters of President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr to the semi-legal leftist parties which have a wide following among students and minorities.

His speech followed rejection of criticism by the IRP itself. The prime minister is not a member of the party although his position reflects its views. The party newspaper said three days ago that opposition attacks were in effect, criticism of Islam itself and that this played into the hands of imperialism.

A former Iranian presidential candidate said in Beirut Sunday the Soviet Union supported the Iranian revolution. Addressing a press conference, Jalaladdin Farsi said Soviet officials had assured him during his visit to Moscow that they were not selling arms to Iraq.

Farsi's seven-man delegation arrived in Beirut from the Soviet Union where they visited Soviet universities and studied the conditions of the students, he said.

A military communique carried by Iranian news agency, Pars said Sunday Iranian and Iraqi positions in Ahwaz, capital of Iran's southern oil province of Khuzestan, continued to shell each other with heavy artillery. Fighting also continued in most of the western front, where Iranian troops killed or wounded 50 Iraqis in 24 hours, the communique claimed.

Basque guerrillas list terms to free 3 consuls

MADRID, Feb. 23 (Agencies) — Basque guerrillas demanded Monday that reports on alleged police torture, be published and broadcast by Spain's main news media in return for the release of the three honorary consuls of Austria, El Salvador and Uruguay kidnapped from their homes last Thursday.

A man claiming to speak for the political-military wing of the separatist organization ETA listed the demands in a telephone call to a Basque radio station. He set no deadline for meeting the terms.

The caller said the guerrillas wanted a 1980 Amnesty International report to be read fully on national television and on the main radio stations and to be published in major Spanish daily newspapers. They also demanded similar airing of a report by the human rights commission of the Basque home-rule parliament on alleged ill-treatment of guerrilla suspects in police stations and civil guards barracks.

A third demand was that 18 pictures said to show signs of physical violence on the body of Basque guerrilla suspect Jose Arregui be televised at peak viewing time. Arregui died 10 days ago in a Madrid jail after spending nine days in police custody. An autopsy showed marks of violence on his body.

The move was apparently timed to coincide with a confidence vote in the Spanish parliament. Prime Minister-designate Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo seems certain to win Monday afternoon's confidence vote. Sotelo, deputy to outgoing Prime Minister Adolfo

NATO defense sparks row

MUNICH, Feb. 23 (Agencies) — A U.S. drive to persuade its NATO allies to spend more on defense, launched at a Western allies' military conference here, seems set to renew wrangling within the alliance. West European NATO countries, many already at odds with Washington over possible deployment of neutron warheads, could pose a potential to make the sacrifices urged by a senior Pentagon official at the two-day conference which ended here Sunday.

U.S. Deputy Defense Secretary Frank Carlucci said Saturday that Washington would neither upgrade its forces in Europe nor play a lone role in defending Western interests elsewhere if allied defense spending did not increase sharply. Other speakers at the conference, including NATO Secretary General Joseph Luns, urged a united effort from the alliance to increase its military preparedness.

A senior British defense ministry official appealed in a speech to the 140 military experts from nine nations for a global strategy by the Western democracies to counter Soviet influence and help Third World countries defend themselves.

Geoffrey Patte, British parliamentary undersecretary of state for defense, said the West needed to counter instability in developing countries which produced essential raw materials such as cobalt, silver, platinum and chrome. Patte said the British government was making a speedy review of policy on coordinated Western military defense moves outside the NATO area.

Other NATO countries, including West Germany, have opposed any extension of NATO's sphere of action. The Bonn government has clearly stated it would not send troops with a NATO force to the Gulf, although the West needs oil supplies from the area. But Defense Minister Hans Apel told the conference that West Germany was prepared to carry its share of any extra defense commitments decided on by the alliance.

He strongly defended West Germany's record on defense spending following pressure from Washington to keep to a NATO decision to raise defense budgets by an annual three per cent in real terms. Bonn's 1981 budget of \$20.6 billion nevertheless threatens to fall short of the requisite increase.

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